REPORT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1894.

BAPTISED.

April 1, Adelaide Scherr.
Katheryn Dorothea Scherr.
Thomas Alfred Fozard.
April 8, Marian Bentley.
William Henry Bentley.
May 6, Elsie Ray Baldrick.
May 6, Amelia Ann Milligan.
Mabel Rambo Milligan.
Ethel Naomi Van Auken.
June 3, Norman Wood.
June 10, Fannie Missimer.
July 1, Sarah Silk.

MARRIED.

May 7, James Bowden and Mary Ann Vautrey.

COMMUNICANTS:—

Transferred by letter
To St. David's Church, Manayunk, Miss Eliza Jane McLaughlin.
Entered by transfer
From St. Timothy's Church, April 30, Percy Jones.
" " " " June 5, Charles West.
From St. David's Church, June 11,
Frank Berry.
Margaret Connor.
Martha Connor.
James Gunning.
Mrs. Hannah James.
Mrs. Mary Spencer.
Entered without formal transfer:
Mrs. Ann Vautrey.
Mrs. Alice Forest.
Mrs. Mary A. Andrews.
Robert Hodgkinson.
Mrs. Ann Hodgkinson.
John McNutt.
Mrs. Martha McNutt.
Mrs. Henry M. Fenton.

The number of Communicants in good standing, as reported to Convention, was 152. These are registered here and have received the Communion within the year.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

DR.

To Receipts from Tithes (13 weeks),	$ 71.00	
" " " General Offerings,	254.58	
		$325.58

CR.

By Sexton's Salary, (13 weeks)	$ 65.00	
" Amount reserved for coal, gas, water, &c.,	50.00	
" Rector's Receipts for the quarter,	210.58	
		$325.58
Rector's average per week for the past quarter,		$16.20
" " " " for the previous quarter,		18.60
" " " " at $1800 per annum, would be		34.63

SPECIAL RECEIPTS.

Receipts for Alms Fund,	$ 5.01
" from Sunday School Missionary Offerings,	38.91
" " Envelope " "	9.37
" " Easter Offerings—additional,	15.30
" " Mite Society Collections,	22 50
" " Subscriptions to Music Fund,	37.00
" " Semi-annual Interest on Rectory Fund,	25.00
" " Special Offering for connecting water-motor,	62.51
Balance on deposit for the Rectory Fund,	$1,103.48
Balance from Easter Offering, for extension of the Church,	3.12

KINDERGARTEN ACCOUNT.

Received from Scholarships,	$53.00	Paid Teacher in full to June 29th,	$73.00
" " Miss'y Fund,	15.00		
" " Donations,	5.00		
	$73.00		$73.00

The Kindergarten will be re-opened, (D. v.) in the first week of September, if a more general interest in its work and financial support is shown.

St. Stephen Church,

Wissahickon, Philadelphia.

JULY 1st, 1894.

SERVICES:—SUNDAYS, 7.00 a. m., 10.30 a. m., 7.30. p. m.
Sunday School for the Summer, 9.00 a. m.
WEEK-DAYS, Wednesday and Friday, 7.45 p. m.

SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT, 1894.

It is far from being the Rector's intention always to fill these "Quarterly Reports" with matter relating to the finances of the Parish, although they are printed especially for the purpose of keeping our people informed about those matters. But until the needs of the Parish are supplied by a more regular and reliable income than during the past Quarter these things will be the first to claim attention, for until then the Parish cannot properly do its work, and minister to the community in a liberal and open-handed way. The loyal interest of our people, and the assistance of each, given conscientiously according to his or her means, will supply that income. And so however bad the times may be, it ought to be recognized that the right thing for *every person* who is not yet using them to do, is *to ask the Rector or one of the Vestry for the weekly envelopes of the Parish*, and through their means to offer on the Altar each Sunday such a contribution as he feels that it is right for him to offer, for the Glory of God, and the needs of His Church. The envelopes will only be given to those who ask for them, and when once given will be furnished each Quarter, until persons signify a desire to discontinue them. Hereafter they will be numbered, and when returned will be checked off as "envelopes of such a number," *without reference to the amount they have contained.* The Rector only will have the key to this check-list, so that he may be informed who returns the envelopes and who does not. The numbering seems necessary because before they were numbered so many people failed to return their envelopes, apparently feeling no obligation to do so.

Now the envelopes are intended for individuals, rather than for families; and yet, out of upward of 150 families, only 80 individuals are thus far using them. Is this as it should be? And are you among those who are thus acknowledging no obligation to God and His Church, for the blessings of the Gospel? As the using of the envelope involves *no pledge*, even to give five cents, or a penny,—but only involves *a promise to try to do what you can and ought*, the Rector knows of no sufficient reason why at least twice as many people should not acknowledge their duty, by applying at once for envelopes, and offering then each week, full or empty, on the Church's Altar.

The envelopes ought to be put in the box *on the Sunday for which they are intended*,—certainly not ahead of time unless indeed a man is paid in advance, and if possible not late. Each envelope ought to represent your offering for that coming week. So if for that week you have nothing to give put in the envelope empty, and in the next week's envelope, if you can, give all the more. You will find that the offering of your envelope each week will give you a purpose for coming to God's House on the Lord's Day. It is intended to be a help to you, in that respect. Do not feel that in this matter the Church is exactly like a human Society, to which you can pay dues. You cannot pay God for the blessings of the Gospel, give as much as you may. Your duty of giving as you are able to God through His Church, is therefore just as urgent, whether or not you can fulfill the other independent duty, of coming to His House to worship. If you are in debt, you can have little or nothing to give to God,—but you ought to do your best to get out of debt, and then to keep out. However small your income may be, try to *consider that as it comes to you through God's bounty, a part of it belongs to Him.* If it be ample for all your needs, then let bountiful giving be your safe-guard against covetousness. And if you are puzzled how much you ought to give, remember that the Jews, when they were trying to please God, used to offer to Him, as His right, *the tenth of the income.* Some of us today find that the same rule is a source of great blessing to us.

Let all your giving, therefore, be according to the voice of Conscience. The Parish is God's Servant. If you will try to do your duty, God will take care of your Parish, and its work. Giving only as you are able, you may freely take as your own the blessings that God offers you through the ministrations of the Parish,—its services, and its Sacraments,—as the bounty of the Divine Father, showered upon you. They are here offered to all men, literally without money and without price. The Rector and the Vestry only ask you to consider your own duty, and to obey it. And if the times are so hard that you have little or no money that you can give, even that fact need by no means deprive you of the blessings that come from liberal giving. Give of your time, and care, and patience, and attention, to the Worship of God in His House. Give of your interest, and sympathy, and your love, to your neighbours in their troubles and hardships. Give *freely* of those, and your other giving will take care of itself.

THE WHITE ENVELOPES.

Each package of envelopes this Quarter contains also, dated for July 29th., in place of the former Quarterly Missionary Envelope, an envelope for an offering for our PENNSYLVANIA DIOCESAN HOUSE. This House is to be built on the lot at the North-east corner of 12th and Walnut Streets, and is to be the home for all the activities of the Diocese. It is to be built at an early day, although about $50,000.00 is still necessary to complete the fund and the Bishop has asked us all to help. All that we can give can be, of course, but as a drop in the bucket, but can we not as a Parish now raise between us, say $20.00, for this object, and so feel that we have cast in our mite? Every agency of the Diocese in which we have an interest will use the new House for its meetings, and we ought to be able to feel that we have done something, however little, toward building it. Let us have something therefore *in every white envelope*, or else at least the envelope returned empty, as a token of your interest.

"THE NEW ST. STEPHEN CHURCH."

The Rector regrets to say that there now seems to be no probability of our being able to build during the present year, the proposed new Chancel to the Church. He greatly regrets this because he believes that this Chancel improvement is necessary to the proper carrying on of our work. But we will do nothing at St. Stephen Church, until we can see where the money is to come from to pay for it, and instead of $3000.00, only about $400.00 is in sight for this object at present. One of the principal things however that has stood in the way of raising a larger part of the money has been the fact, that when the Rector has been asked whether our *present Church was full*, he has had to say "*No.*" As stated therefore in the Easter letter the fact remains, that two things *must be demonstrated* before we can successfully push forward for a better Church building. The first is that the present building is too small for the congregation that wants to worship here. The second is that the constituency of this Parish is willing, and fairly able, to carry on its own work, and support it. Try, all of you, using the envelopes faithfully, and urge your friends to use them too, and soon you will see both of these facts demonstrated. If you are unfaithful in your two duties, of attending, and of giving as you are able, you have no one but yourself to blame, if others do not consider that we deserve to be helped forward for better things.

The Rector would however earnestly request you all, as you have opportuhity, to examine carefully the plans now hanging in the vestibule, for the extension of the Church, to make at once to him or to one of the Vestry any suggestions you may have to offer as to how they may be improved, and then to give your earnest interest and co-operation in the carrying out of these plans. Let us try to take a large enough view of the work the Parish ought to do, and then each and all do what we can toward equipping it for that work. Let us sincerely desire to raise here a temple that shall be in every way a House built to the Glory of God, and then *when the time is ripe* God will enable us to build that House.

THE COMING "MISSION."

The next Quarterly Letter will (D. v.), be devoted for the most part to the subject of the "CHURCH MISSION" that is to be held in Manayunk in November next. In that effort to reach the people who do not go to Church, we must all take an earnest part. For the present we ought all to be faithfully using the daily Prayer for God's blessing on this work, and to talk about "The Mission" as something that is soon to be a matter of absorbing interest. And even now the Rector will be glad to assign to any who will offer their assistance, work which they can be doing to prepare the way for "The Mission." This effort is to be a very serious matter. Do not therefore let anything lead you to joke about it, or to talk in a trifling way.

Ever faithfully yours,

ELLISTON J. PEROT, RECTOR.

REPORT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1894.

BAPTISMS.

August 8, Elizabeth Miller (in private).
September 2, Marion Chadwick Greenwood.
" 16, George Rotherham Fullerton.
" " William Johnson.
" 27, Joseph Clements (in private).

BURIALS.

July 7, Charles Turner.
" 11, Mrs. Rose Ann Whitehouse.
Sept. 25, Charles West.
" 30, Joseph Clements.

COMMUNICANTS.

Received by transfer from St. Mark's Church, Frankford, August 1, Mrs. Amelia Gilliard.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

GENERAL CHURCH FUND.

DR.

To Receipts from Tithes (14 weeks),	$ 78.36	
" " " General Offerings,	256.92	
" Special Offering, for Clergy Supply,	20.00	
		$355.28

CR.

By Sexton's Salary (14 weeks),	$ 70.00	
" Supply of Parish during Rector's Vacation,	45.00	
" Amount reserved for coal, gas, water, &c.,	46.00	
" Rector's Receipts for the Quarter,	194.28	
		$355.28

Rector's average per week for the past quarter,	$13.88
" " " " " " previous six months,	17.35
" " " " at $1800 per annum would be	34.63

SPECIAL RECEIPTS FOR THE QUARTER.

For the Alms Fund,	$ 4.21
From the Sunday School Missionary Offerings,	53.63
" " Mite Society Collections,	20.45
For the Book Fund (from July 4th receipts),	29.12
" " Music Fund,	13.35
" " Diocesan House,	15.00
" " Belfry—received to date,	26.00
" St. Timothy's Hospital—special,	1.00

Balance on deposit for the Rectory Fund,	$1,103.48
Balance to credit of New Church Fund,	3.12

To which is to be added $500 that is promised.

St. Stephen Church,

Wissahickon, Philadelphia.

THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT, October 1st, 1894.

SERVICES:

SUNDAYS, 7.00 a. m., 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.
Sunday School Service, 4th or 5th Sunday, 3.00 p. m.
Sunday School, every Sunday, 2.30 p. m.
Infant Baptisms, 1st Sunday, 4.00 p. m.
WEEK-DAYS, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7.45 p. m.
DAILY SERVICE, During Mission Week, Advent and Lent.
(Hours of Service to be announced.)

The Church Bell will ring until further notice, beginning fifteen minutes before each service and before Sunday School, and ringing again two minutes before the hour. It is proposed to begin the service as the bell stops ringing.

Daily Prayer for the Mission.

O Lord bless we humbly pray Thee the Mission that is to be held in this place. Endow those who shall labour in it with the Spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Convert the impenitent; raise up the fallen; strengthen the weak; give more grace to the faithful. And may all be done after Thy will and to Thy glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The congregation are requested to join in repeating this prayer at every service.

In place of the promised statement concerning the coming "Church Mission," there will shortly be sent you a pastoral letter from all the Church Clergy of the Ward. Meanwhile in preparation for the Mission our especial duties are as follows:—

1st—TO BELIEVE *in the Mission and let people know* WE DO *believe in it.*

2d—TO PRAY *for the Mission,—for the Missioner and his Assistant,—for the Clergy and all the other helpers,—and for all to whom the Mission might do good, that they may be brought there and may be helped.*

3d—TO WORK LOYALLY *and patiently for the Mission, in any way that suggests itself to us, or that we are asked to work.*

4th—TO BE MORE FAITHFUL *than we usually are in attendance at the regular services and in receiving the Holy Communion, so as to prepare our own hearts and wills to receive a blessing from the Mission.*

PARISH NOTES.

There are several matters regarding the Parish that require notice, as suggested by the following report. The average total of tithes and offerings per week has been somewhat larger than for this Quarter last year, but the average amount received by the Rector per week is smaller than for either previous Quarter of this year, and very slightly larger than for the same Quarter a year ago, namely the difference between $13.56 and $13.88. The situation however is now much more promising than then, for the receipts during the Fourth Quarter of last year were even smaller, while now the prospect for increased offerings is much brighter. The tithes are still the most reliable part—tho' not the largest part—of our receipts, but have fallen off slightly, it is unfortunate to note, since a year ago. But the hopeful feature of the present situation is the success of the envelope system as at present in use. 751, or somewhat over 64 per cent. of all the envelopes of the past Quarter have been returned, and there are now on the list 90 persons who undertake to use the envelopes. Almost everyone who has returned any of the envelopes since they were numbered has returned, sooner or later, the whole series. And altho' many envelopes (no one knows whose) have, in accordance with the arrangement, come in empty when people had not to offer, yet the average amount for every envelope has been about 31 cents, which will compare more than favorably with the results of any *envelope pledge* system—which ours is not. The only thing that the Parish now needs financially is a larger number of people giving what they can through the envelopes. If we had 200 more people using them, and giving, though not pledging to give, TEN CENTS A WEEK, our needs would be amply met, and the Parish finances would be in a very prosperous condition. There are certainly that number of people who might as well use them as not. Are you one of them? Then why? The Rector believes that there is no sufficient reason why at the least *every confirmed person in the Parish*, whether able to give little or much—should not be an envelope contributor. You can become so by telling any of the Vestry, or the Rector, that you desire envelopes,—or by filling in one of the slips in the Vestibule and dropping it into the Rector's Letter-box. If you are yourself already using envelopes you can help us very much by trying to interest other people in them, and so increase the number of people using them. In carrying on the work of the Church it is very true that "many hands make light work." And yet at the same time this is a kind of work in which we ought to want to have as large a share as possible ourselves, just as in raising a Church-bell for instance.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS.

Among the envelopes for the coming Quarter are special ones for offerings for the Expenses of the Mission (which will be heavy, and for which no other collections will be taken unless by a thank-offering at the end); for the Hospitals, on Thanksgiving Day; and for the Aged and Infirm Clergy, on Christmas Day. Let us have something in each of these white or blue envelopes.

THE NEW CHURCH.

The question of enlarging the Church and the Fund for that purpose remain *in statu quo.* These matters will probably be considered at length in a letter at the beginning of the new year. It is probable that the usual Thanksgiving Day Letter will not be issued, on account of the Mission and its many duties.

A number of offerings have been received or promised toward the expense of the New Belfry, which with its Messenger forms an improvement in the Church that must be evident to all. If contributions are received beyond the amount needed the balance will be transferred to the Fund for the New Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS.

It should further be noted that, beginning with October 7th, the Sunday School Offerings will be divided as follows:

1st Sunday of the month, for Parish House Expenses.
2d " " " " " Missions.
3d " " " " " Book Fund.
4th and 5th Sundays of the month for Missions.

These offerings for Missions and for the Book Fund will be distributed under the direction of the Sunday School Association of the Parish, subject to approval by the Rector. This schedule will not however be followed during Advent or Lent.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

The Ninth Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held in the City of Washington October 11th—14th. Your prayers are asked that all who attend it, clergy and laity, may be greatly blessed. Our Chapter will be represented (D. v.) by several members.

Ever faithfully yours,

ELLISTON J. PEROT.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING WITH EASTER, 1894. (50 Sundays)

DR.

To balance on hand, Sunday after Easter 1893, . .	$ 6.23	
" Receipts from Tithes for the year, ...	329.70	
" Receipts from General Offerings for the year, . .	825.46	
		$1161.39
To Receipts from Mite Society balance and collections,	92.88	
" Receipts from Mothers' Guild Offerings, ...	75.00	
" Receipts from Book Fund, balance and Offerings,	52.60	
" Receipts from Easter Offering 1894, to date, . . .	54.40	
" Amount yet needed from the Easter Offering, . .	13.48	
		$288.36
		$1449.75

CR.

By Clerical Supply during vacancy in Rectorship, .	$137.00	
" Receipts of Rector since July 9th, 1893, . . .	568.58	
" Sexton's Salary, ($250); coal, gas, water-rent, etc.,	412.93	
" Insurance Policy on new Organ, ...	12.30	
" Assessment for Episcopal and Convention Fund,	30.30	
		$1161.11
By Printing, stationery, etc., ...	58.60	
" Cost of Church decoration, and bill for paving, .	78.70	
" Cost of new Prayer Books and Hymnals, ...	64.96	
" Improvements in Parish House, ...	22.60	
" Sundry Expenses, ...	63.78	
		$288.64
		$1449.75

THE ORGAN FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance beginning of year	$ 236.25	Net cost of Organ, . .	$2000.00
Offerings & Subscriptions,	1910.04	" " " " chamber,	146.29
	$2146.29		$2146.29

RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONARY AND EXTRA-PAROCHIAL OBJECTS.

Sunday School and Envelope Quarterly Offerings, . .	$138.10	
Sunday School Specials (Advent $10.50. Lent $36.30) .	46.80	
OTHER SPECIALS as follows :—For Oregon, $10.00; Missions to Deaf Mutes, $3.95; Missions to the Jews, $1.00; Foreign Missions (through Women's Auxiliary), $5.00.	$19.95	
For Aged and Infirm Clergy, $9.59; Hospitals, $20.82; For the Unemployed, (Palm Sunday $31.21) $40.30.	$70.71	
		$275.56

THE GENERAL MISSIONARY OFFERINGS WERE GIVEN AS FOLLOWS :—

General Missions (Domestic and Foreign), [Jan. 1st,] .	$50.00	
Philadelphia City Mission, ...	25.00	
Diocesan Missions (Convocation of Germantown), .	30.00	
" Sustentation Fund, ...	10.32	
Italian Mission (Philadelphia), ...	10.00	
Mission to the Deaf Mutes, (total $5.00), ...	1.05	
" " " Jews, (total $5.00), ...	4.00	
Bishop's Fund—for use at his discretion, ...	10.52	
Advent Offering for Bishop Leonard, ...	8.49	
Lenten Offering for General Missions, ...	35.52	
		$184.90

KINDERGARTEN FUND ACCOUNT.

Since adoption of the Free Kindergarten System, Nov. 1st, 1893.

Received from Scholarships,	$77.60	Bill for Materials, &c. . . .	$15.52
" " Donations, &c.	13.02	Paid to teacher on account,	$75.10
	$90.62		$90.62

Receipts from Alms for the year, ...	$26.15
" " Subscriptions for Music Fund, . .	15.00
" " Offerings for Rectory Fund, . . .	36.39
Total receipts from all sources, ...	$3797.28
Deposited to the Credit of the Rectory Fund, ...	1078.48

St. Stephen Church,

Wissahickon, Phila.

QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORT,

MONDAY IN EASTER-WEEK, 1894.

For the information of members and friends of the Parish.

In accordance with the purpose expressed in the circular published in January a report of the receipts and expenditures for the First Quarter of the current year is published herewith together with a complete statement for the year closing with Easter Day, and is sent to the members and friends of the Parish in order that all may have accurate information as to our resources and needs.

The first figures claiming your attention are those concerning the Tithes and General Offerings for the Quarter. It appears that the publication of the report in January, the adoption of the present Envelope System, or other causes, have resulted in an increase of $5.32 in the average total receipts per week, over the average for the previous six months, and in an increase of $7.17 over the average for the month of December. This of course is encouraging, especially when we consider the very depressed condition of all business. But for some reason the people seem to be slow in adopting our weekly Envelope System for offerings, as they have now been asked to do in three previous communications. Any reasonable objection there may be to its general adoption, the Rector would like to have explained to him. Fifty seven persons however, have thus far adopted our System, and this fact promises a much larger income in better times.

Of the envelopes given out about 70 per cent have been returned, and the "ice has been broken" in acceding to the request that, if you know, in God's sight, that you can really afford to give nothing, you will place your empty envelope in the box. For the secret of the usefulness of a system such as ours is not the largeness of the amount received at first, but the willingness and cheerfulness with which all persons contribute systematically, according as they are able. Meanwhile some hundred sets of weekly envelopes for the present Quarter are going to waste in the Rector's Study.

The Report for the year suggests many things to be thankful for accomplished since Easter last,—prominent among them being the completion of the Organ Fund, the renovation of the Church, and the fact that, notwithstanding the hard times, we have been able to give a considerable sum for work in the Lord's Name outside of our own borders. In connection with this the Rector would say that he hopes that the April Missionary Envelope will be returned with an offering by *more than* thirteen contributors, that number of envelopes only having been returned in January.

The new Vestibule in the Church, the gift of one deeply interested in the welfare of our Parish, speaks for itself, and will be a source of much satisfaction to us all.

The item concerning the Church Music Fund requires a word of explanation. It has been felt for some time that an arrangement ought to be made with Mr. Frank Berry, our Organist, at least nom-

inally to compensate him for his labours in conducting the musical part of our services on Sunday, and in training the Choir. For this purpose the Vestry, having obtained subscriptions to the amount in all of about $100.00 for this year, have arranged to compensate Mr. Berry to that amount, or to a larger amount if further subscriptions are received. The Rector will be glad to furnish special envelopes for monthly contributions, to any who are able to contribute to this Fund. But he hopes that the day will soon come when not only this item of expense but also the cost of conducting the Sunday School and the Kindergarten can easily be spared, *without special subscriptions*, from the General Offerings of the Parish.

The condition of the Kindergarten Fund also needs and deserves your attention at this time. The work has been going on *very satisfactorily indeed*, as persons may readily convince themselves by a visit to the little ones on any school morning. The average attendance has been over twenty, and many children have been refused admission, because of lack of room. But the pressure of hard times has seriously cut into the resources of the School, and at present, while there is some scholarship-money that will sooner or later come in, there is a considerable deficit. The value of a scholarship is $8.00 for the year. The Rector will be glad to receive any contributions or special offerings for this purpose.

In regard to the Easter Offering Fund, there have thus far been received but 86 of the 515 envelopes that were distributed. The Report shows that there must yet be received from this source $13.48, before all the bills referred to can be paid from this fund, besides the matter of the charge for water-pipe on Hermit street in regard to the necessity of paying which we are still in doubt. The Rector hopes that before the Easter Season has passed many more of the Easter envelopes will be received, *though the amounts may be very small*, and that the next Quarterly Report will show a clear balance to the credit of the proposed FUND FOR A NEW CHURCH.

Some extracts from the Parish Register will hereafter be published each Quarter. The principal entries for the year past are published herewith.

Ever faithfully yours,

ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER,

EASTER 1893—EASTER 1894.

COMMUNICANTS:—

Received by letter, from
Grace Church, Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. James B. French.
St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, Mrs. Elizabeth Dearnley.
" " " " George Wetten.
" " " " Harry Wetten.

Transferred by letter, to
St. Timothy's Church, 3rd and Reed Sts., Samuel L. Burgess.
St. Luke's Cathedral, Atlanta, Ga., Miss Matilda J. Barnes.

140 Communicants registered here and attending Holy Communion.
28 " " " but removed, or careless.
20 Persons attending the Holy Communion here but not registered.
81 Other Confirmed persons known to reside in the Parish.

BAPTISED. (*signifies adult persons.)

1893.
July 8, Edith Thackeray.
Sep. 3, Albert Ellis Berry.
Florence Frances Knoth.
Sarah Dobson Hutchinson.
Oct. 1, Frank Forrest.
Elizabeth Hey Carpenter.
Ethel Cooke.
Eleanor Cooke.
Nov. 5, Emily Wynn.

1894.
Jan. 7, David Dennison.
Horace William Lane.
Feb. 16, *William Lane.
*Charles Bertrand Palmer.
*Mrs. Laura Virginia Podesta.
*Mrs. Catharine Miller.
Feb. 18, John Schofield Dearnley.
Charles Edwin Dearnley.
Irene Elizabeth Dearnley.
Mar. 1, *Irene Louise Broughton.

CONFIRMED:—

(*By Bishop Whitaker, on Wednesday evening, February 16th. But those marked * at St. Timothy's Church, March 7th.*)

Harry A. Applegate,
Joseph Bell,
James Berry,
Albert Edward Bolton,
Abraham Buckley,
William Buckley,
Frank Cronshaw,
Joseph C. Davenport,
William Harrison Eden,
Henry Erford,
*Samuel Forrest,
Hartley Fothergill,
Samuel Gibson Hewitt,
Oscar Summer Jeffries,
William Lane,
Frank Charlesworth Lane,
Charles A. McLaughlin,
Robert Milligan,
Charles Bertrand Palmer,
Bertie W. S. Stirling,
Ernest Whiteoak,
Albert Wilby,
Mrs. Anna Bell,
*Irene Louise Broughton,
Mrs. Alice F. Creitz,
Elsie May Davenport,
Mrs. Ellen Fallas,
Mary Fettig,
Elizabeth Stott James,
Mrs. Bertha L. Jones,
Sarah Edith McAlester,
Mrs. Blanche M. McLaughlin,
Mrs. Catharine Miller,
Elizabeth Milligan,
Ann Emma Milner,
Mrs. Laura V. Podesta,
Emma Louisa Rauenzahn,
Mary Lydia Robinson,
Marie Spencer,
Isabel P. Stanley,
Mrs. Eliza Taylor,
Louisa Alice Wilby,
Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Wright.

MARRIAGES:—

January 17, Harry Haughton and Susie Missimer.
January 28, John Leonard and Mrs. Alice Leonard.

BURIALS:—

1893.
July 13, Edith Thackeray.
" 17, William Missimer.
Dec. 23, Miss Annie Hughes.
" 27, John Leech.

1894.
Jan. 3, Mrs. Nancy McLaughlin.
Feb. 6, Maude Bell.
" " Robert Stellfox.
" 14, James McLaughlin.
Mar. 3, Florence Frances Knoth.

FINANCIAL REPORT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH.

REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING WITH EASTER, 1894.

DR.

To Receipts from Tithes, (12 weeks,)	$ 76.25	
To Receipts from General Offerings, (12 weeks) . . .	242.92	
		$319.17

CR.

By Sexton's Salary, ...	$ 60.00	
By amount reserved for coal, gas, etc., ...	36.00	
By Rector's Receipts for the Quarter, ...	223.17	
		$319.17

Rector's average per week at $1800 per annum, would be	$34.63
Rector's average per week for the past Quarter, ...	18.60
Rector's average per week for the previous six months, .	13.41

FINANCIAL REPORT. Second Quarter.

DR.

To Receipts from Tithes (13 weeks)	$ 65 21	
Receipts from General Offerings	261 66	
Of this the Envelopes have contained $250.35. And the loose offerings have reached 76.52.		$326 87

CR.

By Sexton's Salary (13 weeks)	$ 78 00	
Amount reserved for other expenses	52 00	
Rector's receipts for the Quarter	196 87	
		$326 87

The average of total receipts per week, $25.15, is a trifle better than for this Quarter last year. The Rector's average is lower, as other expenses have been greater, viz.: $15.15 instead of $16.20. The total of receipts for the General Fund since January 1st has been $701.45, instead of $1000, which was the amount asked for, that is half of an annual amount of $2000. (See inside page.)

The Chancel Fund (to July 15th).

Cash received		
General Receipts	$313 96	
Easter Thank-Offering	276 38	
From Sunday School	52 16	
		$642 50
For sections of wall		98 50
Further promised		
General promises (conditional)	$825 00	
Card Pledges	31 00	
Sections, etc., promised	492 50	
		1348 50
		$2089 50

The Kindergarten Fund.

Receipts from Scholarships,	$63 75	Paid for Materials	$ 1 68
" from Donations	39 98	" Teachers on acct.	102 05
Amount lacking July 10th,	19 75	Owing to Teachers	19 75
	$123 48		$123 48

Other Special Receipts.

For the Alms Fund	$ 2 30
" Domestic Missions (Special Envelope)	5 46
" Foreign Missions (Special Envelope)	7 84
" the Church House of the Diocese	4 35
" the Bishop White Prayer Book Society	2 87
" Missions, from Mothers' Guild	4 00
From Sunday School for Parish House Expenses	2 59
" Sunday School for Book Fund	6 99
" Sunday School for Missions	17 41
" Mite Society Collections, etc.	25 80
" Church Music Fund Subscriptions	12 70

Balance to credit of Rectory Fund, $1136 76

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH,

WISSAHICKON, PHILA.

SERVICES:

Sundays, 7 a. m., 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.
Sunday School, until Sept. 1st, 9 a. m.
Week-Days, Wednesday and Friday, 7.45 p. m.
Holy Days, 9 a. m.

Second Quarterly Report, July 1, 1895.

THE purpose of these Quarterly Statements is *not* to beg money, but to explain FACTS. Of course financial matters are a very important part of these facts, for every parish that is to live and grow in spiritual strength, has large financial obligations to meet. The parish that never asks for money is sure to be a dead parish, though it possess the most beautiful church building, and an ample endowment. And further, GIVING is a most essential part of the Christian religion. But then the Church of God has no business to become a begging institution. It should assert its RIGHTS instead. For it has a first claim on the earnings of every person that professes and calls himself a Christian, whether or not he accepts in any form its ministrations. This is a fact that a great many people fail or refuse to recognize. And the fault belongs in part to churches that have demoralized people's principles of giving, by relying on entertainments, fairs, etc., to pay for the worship of God!! Oh, that those who speak in God's Name would insist on the essential DUTY AND PRIVILEGE of liberal, voluntary giving, to the Glory of God, —would spurn all unworthy methods, and then wait in faith and patience till people shall come to believe that these things are true. Shall learn that covetousness and selfishness are really, as the Bible teaches, hateful sins. Learn that it is a joy, not a burden, to give *liberally*, and that in so doing we may indeed seek for God's blessing upon ourselves.

From the side of DUTY, the question then is, "HOW MUCH OF WHAT I EARN I OWE AS AN OFFERING OF FIRST FRUITS TO GOD WHO ENABLES ME TO EARN IT?" But when the vision of the JOY of giving enters your view, the question will change. It will become this: "HOW MUCH, OF THE BOUNTY, ALL OF WHICH GOD GIVES ME, DARE I CONSIDER AS MY OWN?" Think then again about adopting the tithe rule for yourself. Some people have been greatly blessed in so doing. Perhaps you would also. "Read, mark, and learn" Mal. iii. 10. Perhaps you can "*inwardly digest it*," too.

AT St. Stephen Church people are urged to think deeply of these things, and then are asked *no further questions*, as to how much they give. We believe that they are trustworthy, and willing, if they are called upon to do so, to look facts in the face. We ask that they shall take enough trouble about *making an offering* to God to use a weekly envelope, and put it in the chests. We believe that Mr. So-and-so, whose hand usually brings very little with it as it leaves his pocket in

church, and Mr. Something-else (his name is legion), who used to think that a nickle was all he could afford for God's worship out of earnings of $——— a week, will both some day, if told it plainly enough, see their mistake, and will become wiser and better men for their discovery. These Reports are intended to help them see it. Meanwhile we will do the best we can to minister to their souls. We will tell them this is God's House—THEIR FATHER'S HOUSE, into which they are most welcome to come at all times, to seek to know Him better. And in freely offering all the help we have to give, we know that God will help us let the light of the Christ-life shine forth to others. Mistakes and slips may be made of course—for we of the Parish are only men ourselves. But it is the life of Emmanuel—God with us—it is this that God would have men see, even in our poor lives. And that life is the true light, that "lighteneth every man that cometh into the world." These are first principles, in which all ought to believe. We trust that you do, at any rate.

General Parish Expense Fund.

IF THE FIRST principles are solid, success becomes only a matter of time. Each Quarterly Report is intended, then, to be an answer to the question, "Watchman, what of the night?"

On January 1st our people were asked to see that the tithes and general offerings for the year should reach at least the total of $2000, to be distributed as follows:

For the Sexton, at $6 per week	$ 312
Coal, gas and water rents	153
Diocesan Convention tax	25
Towards Organist's salary (besides subscriptions)	80
Toward supply during Rector's vacation	30
Rector's stipend	1400
	$2000

The receipts, however, for the first half of the year have been $701.45, which is $298.55 short of the estimate. The only items which have suffered by this reduction are the Rector's stipend and Organist's salary. The other expenses have been as represented. Times are hard? Of course—but not as hard as they were. The difference may easily enough be made up yet, before the year closes, by

a. More people regularly using weekly envelopes.
b. *Every* envelope that is given out regularly returned.
c. Less coppers and nickels—more dimes, quarters or dollars.

The latter count up very fast—the former more slowly. But how much you give is your own business. God keeps that account with you, no one else.

And now a word in conclusion about

The Chancel Building Fund.

To complete this is of course a large undertaking, but one to which God is calling us, each according to our ability—no more. If *you* are trying to do your part, you may well thank God and take courage at the progress made. If not, then come and join us who are trying, as soon as you will.

There is now about $2100 in cash and promises—enough to begin with perhaps, if we have faith and interest back of it. $3000 will probably see the Chancel building paid for. After that there will be room for many gifts toward furnishing, etc., memorial gifts perhaps, but free-will gifts we trust, all of them, if we wait patiently till they come.

The Rector therefore hopes that by this time everyone believes in the proposals, in which many have already taken an interest. They are as follows:

FIRST. That *each family or person* should be built into the wall (or roof), by offering to be responsible for the cost of a small section of it, amounting to five dollars, or for part of a section, or for more than one. "Taking a section" means five monthly payments of one dollar. Half a section, the same number of payments of fifty cents. One-fifth section means less than a cent a day saved till December 1st; cannot everyone afford that at least, for the sake of sharing in the work? If you can, please get one of the blanks, and fill it out at once. About fifty families are thus far represented—121 sections subscribed. **The Vestry have resolved to proceed with the work when fifty-four more sections are subscribed.**

SECOND. That each organization should undertake to pay for part of the CHANCEL-ARCH, the men's for one pillar, the women's for the other, and the Sunday School for the arch itself. The Daughters of the King have responded. What about the others?

THIRD. That the Chancel window should be paid for by small contributions from everyone, as our memorial to the Rev. Mr. Bonnell, the first Rector of the Parish. Offerings for this purpose may be put in the box hanging on the Vestibule. We hope they will prove sufficient.

A general interest in these proposals will provide ample means, besides helping us come nearer one another in Christ, "In Whom we also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." We need to realize that blessing at St. Stephen Church more than we need anything else. We have already received it in some measure.

May God grant that the next Statement shall tell of the Chancel almost ready for use, and entirely paid for, or its payment assured.

Ever faithfully yours,

ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISED.

May 5, William Milner.
Howard Rudolph Sines.
Anna Elizabeth Sines.
Elsie May Sines.
Gertrude Mary Sines.
May 19, John Charles Pontefract.
June 2, Irene Fozard.
8, Charles Thomas Gilliard.
July 7, Elizabeth Allen Wylie.

BURIED.

May 13, Catherine McNutt.
21, Mrs. Mary M. D. Lawrence.
29, John Leonard.
June 25, Mrs. Sarah Lyster.
July 9, Bessie May Sykes.

COMMUNICANTS.

Admitted May 5, Mrs. Fannie A. Jones.
Transferred from Church of the Covenant, Jesse McAllister.
Entered without formal letter, Mrs. Eliza Thomas.
Admitted June 9, William Harvey Lewis.
Admitted June 22, Robert Kay.
Admitted June 22, Mrs. Sarah Lyster.

portion of a new Temple for the Worship of God in this community. In that object the Rector believes that a large number of people may be expected to take an interest, and so feels justified in distributing envelopes for the purpose quite widely, even among those who do not attend the Church. It is planned that all confirmed persons not known to be regular attendants of an adjoining Parish, and others who are supposed to be interested in the work of St. Stephen Church in any of its branches, shall each receive an individual envelope. (Members of the Sunday School who have mite boxes can obtain these envelopes also if they desire.) The smallest offering will be received gladly (so long as, *in the case of the golden envelopes*, it is neither copper nor nickel); and unless the interest is much weaker than we trust it is, there will be some gold in the offering too, or its equivalent in notes. Whether the amount is large or small, no one will know how much you give, and only the numbers of the envelopes returned will be noted, that the Rector may know who does respond. (Checks, if used, should be made payable to the order of George Missimer, Treas., or of the Rector.) Upon the general interest taken in this matter, and the general and conscientious effort of our people, depends the question of whether the total will reach $100, $500, $1000 *or more*, and the question of whether the coming Advent will find us still cramped in our present quarters, or rejoicing in the completion of a portion of the proposed Church, and planning further improvements for the future. Our friends therefore will watch with interest for the results of this appeal.

THE Quarterly Statement will show that the regular envelope offerings and tithes have not yet reached the average asked for at the beginning of the year, although the average total constantly improves. It is only suggested at present that if everyone now using envelopes were to obtain another envelope contributor, or else to increase his own offerings about one-third, the amount that is weekly lacking would be more than made up. Application blanks will be found in the vestibule, and the Parish Calendar will be sent with the envelopes.

Trusting therefore that, whatever the total amount to be reported, a general interest will be demonstrated by the return of almost all of the envelopes, and that many may come, with pure hearts and sincere purpose, to our Communions at Easter time.

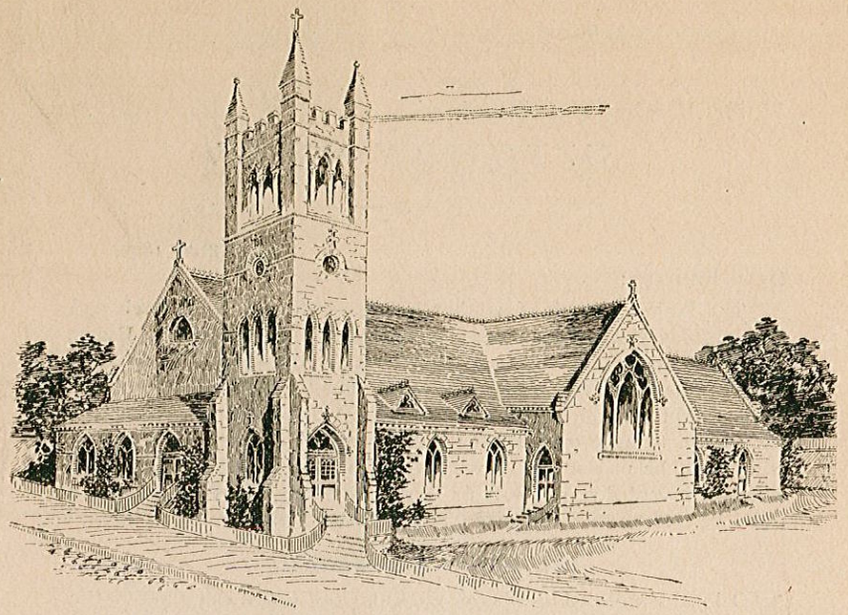
Ever faithfully and hopefully yours,

ELLISTON J. PEROT.

The Parish List of Communicants will be revised after Easter, and none counted as *in good standing* who have not received Holy Communion within the year. This is the qualification for voting on Easter Monday, provided persons are *registered* communicants of the Parish. The law of the Church is as follows:

Title II, Canon 12, Sec. 1. "A communicant removing from one Parish to another shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is a communicant in good standing; and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removes shall not be required to receive him or her as a communicant until such letter be produced."

This *does not exclude from the Easter Invitation* those who have failed to register in this Parish.



Sketch of Proposed Church when Alterations are Completed.

St. Stephen Church,

WISSAHICKON, PHILA.

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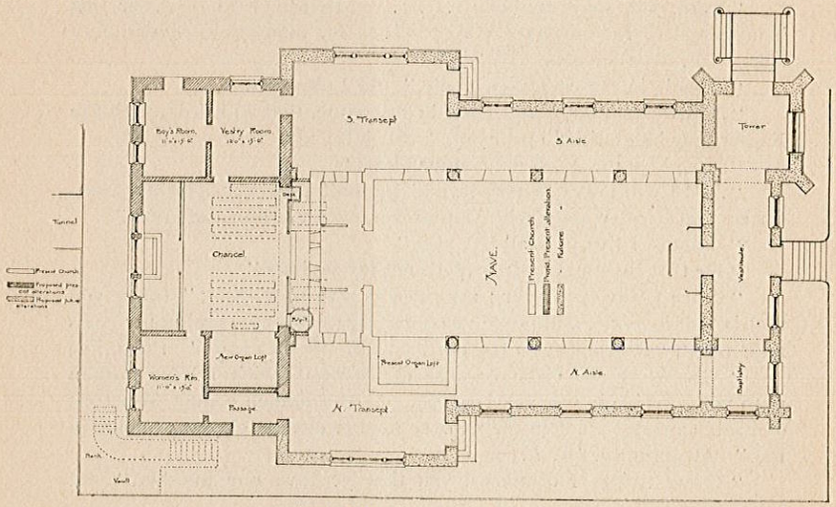
MID-LENT LETTER, 1895.



Ground Plan of Proposed Alterations.

To the Members and Friends of

ST. STEPHEN PARISH.

MID-LENT, 1895.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The rapid approach of another Easter,—although Holy Week and Good Friday lie between—suggests the sending to you of the Easter Invitation and of the envelope for the Easter Offering. To each confirmed person therefore, so far as known, there is enclosed a Communicant's Card that explains itself; and to each person over five years old, not known to have out a Lenten mite box, there is sent an envelope in which may be placed an Easter Offering for the New Chancel Fund. They are intended respectively for those whose names are on the outer envelope. If mistakes are made, please pardon them.

The Easter Communion.

NO loyal confirmed member of the Church of Christ can question the absolute obligation, as well as the blessed privilege, of receiving the Holy Communion at Easter. The day the whole Christian world keeps in memory of the crowning triumph of Him in Whom alone we live. The day only rightly observed when we obey His dying command, "This do in remembrance of me." It was on the night when human sin was about to work its darkest deed, that He provided the Means whereby, age after age, men might be assured of the forgiveness of sin, and enabled to glory in the reality of their salvation.

NOTICE therefore, and consider for your own needs, the different words of the Master, spoken when about to offer His Life for us:

"Take, eat, this is my body . . . . Drink ye all of it, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is shed for many unto remission of sins." St. Matthew xxvi. (*R. V.*)

"This do in remembrance of me." St. Luke xxii.

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." St. John xiv.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth."

"Because I live ye shall live also."

"He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings."

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you;" (unto you that is that love me, and prove your love especially by keeping my commandment, "shewing forth the Lord's death till he come." 1 Cor. xi.)

"Already ye are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, so neither can ye, except ye abide in me." St. John xv. (*R. V.*)

"These things I command you that ye love one another." St. John xvi.

"As thou didst send me into the world, even so sent I them into the world. . . . . Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word, that they may all be one, ... that the world may believe that thou didst send me." St. John xvii. (*R. V.*).

AND in considering these words, weigh with them the words spoken at Passover time a year before (St. John vi. *R. V.*), thus filling out the ideal of the Christian's obligation:

"It was not Moses that gave you (you fathers) the bread out of heaven; but my Father giveth you (even more than the manna, namely), the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven, and giveth life unto the world. . . . . I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. . . . . I am the living bread which came down out of heaven; if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever; yea, and the bread which I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world. . . . . Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood ye have not life in yourselves. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. . . . . It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit and are life. But there are some of you that believe not."

AS a setting forth of Christian duty the words of Christ interpret one another. The apostles received from Christ the Bread and Wine, which He gave them saying, "This is my body—this is my blood." And the Christian to-day receives them from the Church which He commissioned to feed His sheep and His lambs. And so, *and only so*, the Church of the Ages is One in Him. "Seeing that we, who are many, are one bread, one body; for we all partake of the one bread." (1 Cor. x. 17, *R. V.*) Dare you then carelessly pass Easter by—or Whitsunday, or Christmas,—without sealing your own spiritual fellowship in the Body of Christ, by partaking of that Sacrament without which you have no pledge—no assurance—of Communion with Him? "Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise." Will you not rather henceforth seek, by more frequent and faithful communions, to be "fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the Chief Corner Stone."

Holy Communion every Sunday at 7 A. M.; Monday—Thursday in Holy Week at 9 A. M.; Maundy Thursday also at 5 A. M.; and on Easter Day at 6, 7 and 10.30 A. M.

The Easter Offering.

OUR Saviour did not break the bread for the multitudes until the apostles offered Him such supplies as they had, nor did He feed them on the sea shore until they had drawn the net to land. And so we can only expect a blessing from Him the Risen Lord at Easter, when we come to offer Him such things as we can bring. Our principal as well as our increase, our reason and will as well as our bodies, these all—as we stand beneath the Cross or before the Sepulchre—we learn that He calls us to consecrate to Him. And in order that it may be more than an abstract, indefinite matter,—this bringing of an Easter tribute to the Prince of Peace,—we have this year before us an object that needs our offerings and cannot be accomplished without them, namely the building of a

FINANCIAL REPORT. Third Quarter.

DR.

To Receipts from Tithes (13 weeks)	$ 62 41	
Receipts from General Offerings	234 05	
Of these amounts the Envelopes have contained $239 77. And the loose offerings have only reached . . . 56 69.		$296 46

CR.

By Sexton's Salary (13 weeks)	$ 78 00	
Amount Reserved for other Expenses	52 00	
Rector's Receipts for the Quarter	166 46	
		$296 46

The average weekly receipts for the past Quarter have been $22.80. This is $1.15 less than for the same Quarter last year, and $1.50 more than in 1893. Hot Summer weather has been in part the cause of the low figure reached this year. If all our envelope contributors would feel bound to return each envelope, full or empty, whether they come to Church or not,—at least to return it *before the end of the Quarter*, the Parish funds would not be so dependent on the weather. The amount you give is only known to yourself and God.

Chancel Fund Statement.

	Last Statement, July 15th.		Present Statement, October 15th.	
Cash received				
General Receipts	$313 96		$328 16	
Easter Thank-Offering	276 38		276 38	
From Sunday School	52 16		52 16	
Total Cash, General Fund		$642 50		$656 70
Specials—for Sections	$98 50		$371 50	
for Memorial Window			7 50	
Total Specials		$98 50		$379 00
Total Cash on hand		$741 00		$1035 70
Pledges as follows:				
General promises (conditional)	$825 00		$825 00	
Easter Card promises	31 00		16 00	
Sections	482 50		518 50	
For Chancel Arch, etc.	10 00		115 00	
		$1348 50		$1474 50
Total Cash and promises		$2089 50		$2510 20

Other Special Receipts.

For the Kindergarten Fund (last season's account)	$19 75
" the Alms Fund	2 78
" the Rectory Fund	55
" the Children's Outing Fund (July)	5 00
" Missions to the Deaf (August)	6 72
" the Parish Kindergarten (September)	6 75
" Bishop White Prayer Book Society (Additional)	1 32
" Brotherhood of St. Andrew House	5 00
From the Mite Society Collections	23 55
" the Church Music Fund Subscriptions (Organist's salary)	15 80
" the Sunday School for Missions	13 91
" the Sunday School for Book Fund	5 74
" the Sunday School for Parish House Expenses	4 76

There is deposited to the credit of the Rectory Fund, $1137 21

St. Stephen Church, Wissahickon, Phila.

No collection plate is passed to worshippers, here, but offerings placed in the chests at the entrance to either aisle will be presented upon God's Altar. We believe that He will bless the offerings that are cheerfully and freely given. All the seats are free.

For a statement of the present needs of the Parish, see 3d page.

Third Quarterly Report, Oct. 1, 1895.

SERVICES:

SUNDAYS, 7 a. m., 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.
Sunday School, 2.30 p. m.
Infant Baptism, 4 p. m., on first Sunday of the month.
WEEK-DAYS, Wednesday and Friday, 7.45 p. m.
HOLY-DAYS, Morning Service and Holy Communion, 9 a. m.
DAILY, During Advent, School Children's Service, 8.15 a. m.

About Going to Church.

Five times a week at least our Church Bell (a year old now) summons God's children to their Father's House. It is a voice of love, for it tells of the peaceful joy of the service in which we are called to join. It proclaims peace, and at the same time war,—war against the powers of evil. It is a voice of admonition as well as of joy. For it tells us that the time is short,—namely the time before this service of penitence, praise and prayer begins, and the time before the great heavenly service is to begin for those who prepare themselves to join in it, the heavenly worship of which the present is only a distant echo. That by the way is the chief meaning of those ten strokes and three. THE TIME IS SHORT, you know not how short, and its "days and moments" are slipping away. If you desire to, you may also hear in those strokes a reminder of the Ten Commandments of God's Law; and of the three-fold revelation of the Divine Love, in Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"The time is short." The anniversary of the Mission Week will soon be here, and Advent, with its solemn voice. "The time is short." And yet for those who would walk with God and tread His Courts below, life with all its sorrows can be made to bless the world with its brightness and sunshine. Those who remain strangers from their Father's House and their Lord's Table have only themselves to blame. But they are *missing the best things of life* and neglecting the development of the finest and most beautiful powers of their manhood or womanhood. Can it be that they realize this truth, and know what they are doing? So many of them, too!

The tones of the bell die away, the hymn is sung, the General Confession, Absolution, and Lord's Prayer follow. "Our Father." But places are empty. From seats whence also the prayer "Our Father" ought to arise, no sound is heard. Who—where are the absentees? Fathers of families, often, the ones God especially calls, like the patriarchs of old, to this gathering of His Family of families. The men whose presence and example would most encourage the rest of us. "England wants every man to do his duty." So does America, and the Church of God in this land of ours, now in General Convention assembled. But it is God's summons

as well as Her own the Church speaks, when She calls you to your Father's House. God has work for you here.

Where were you last Sunday morning? In your place at Church? "Resting at home," you say. It is your tired spirit, though, that *most* needs rest and refreshment, and God's House is the place to find that. As for the body, it needs *change* of exercise, rather than no exercise at all; try, and you will see. "Reading the paper," you say. Trying to crowd worship out of the Lord's own Day, rather than to make a place for it in the busy life of the week! You do not have Family Prayers, do you? Probably not! You do not contribute very much of your earnings towards helping other people render to God the worship of which *you* deprive Him? It would be rather strange if you did. But then of course you expect to step quite naturally into the place in the heavenly worship intended for you! Think about it. Perhaps you will find you cannot, when the time comes.

"But I had to work last Sunday!" possibly you answer. Is that so? Shame then on the civilization that compels you to work seven days in the week. But supposing you can't help it (and some men cannot), DON'T let that keep you from using such opportunities as you do have. You are responsible *for them*—not for those you have not, and though the sermon be poor, and the singing be weak, there is always something in the Prayer Book service of the Church that will make you stronger and nobler.

The Church is *not* a religious club, or a society for mutual admiration. If you have that notion you make a great and contemptible mistake. It is the Family of families. In the sight of God it knows neither rich nor poor, cultured nor uncultured. It tells us we can *all* be rich with the riches of Christ, and can *all* be cultured, by the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit, and that no other sort of riches or culture is worth having, except as it ministers to these.

The Church exists among men for a single purpose. Not to entertain people. Not to rule them. Not to hold monster gatherings. But first and beyond all, to apply to the weakness of men, the Eternal Power of the Incarnate Life of the Son of God. *You need to learn more about that power.*

This Parish—and others—exist for the sake of the good they can do, and *not* for the funds they can collect. To give, rather than to receive,—though our power to give is limited by that which we receive. We receive some of God's Grace, and some of your earnings. We try to make equivalent return, to God and to you. To give to God what we receive from you, and to you what we receive from God. We cannot give to you unless we can reach you. We cannot teach you much (though these circulars are meant to teach) unless you come to us to learn. If it is God's wisdom, not our own, that we try to teach, you cannot afford to despise it.

The Church is a Divine Institution, not a human association. At your baptism She, in God's Name, pronounced you a member of Christ, the child of God and an heir apparent of the Kingdom of heaven. She meant all She said. And so, by the tenderest pleading of the Voice of Christ, you are *called to be a saint.* But no one ever yet was turned from a sinner into a perfected saint all in a moment, for that is a work requiring time, patience, and earnest resolve and effort. *You* are called. Will you heed the voice? Will you fill your own place next Sunday, and try with us to pray with all the heart "Thy Kingdom come, Thy reign, oh Christ, begin"? To pray it, and act it too. Ever faithfully,

ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector.

Facts Concerning the Needs of the Parish.

1. **Choir.**—We need one or two more volunteers, with bass voices.

2. **Expenses.**—In order to reach $1500 for the year for the Current Expenses ($500 less than was asked for), the average weekly offerings *for the present Quarter* must reach $38.62. For the past Quarter it has been $22.80. MORE ENVELOPES NEED TO BE RETURNED, and more promptly.

3. **Sewer.**—We have received a memorandum of a charge of $317.75 against the Church property for sewer-frontage. Under a former interpretation of the law churches were exempt from this charge. The Rector sees no reason why *this* money, if it has to be paid, (probably in about five months), should not be raised in part by entertainments. The sewer was laid for the benefit of the City, rather than of the Church.

4. **Chancel.**—To reach $4000, the amount stated on January 1st as the probable cost of this improvement for which the excavations have now been made, we need about $1500 more than is in hand or promised at present. The cost of the whole operation may somewhat exceed this figure before the building is ready for occupancy. It is desired now simply that those who have thus far taken no part, should do so, by undertaking to bear the cost of a section ($5.00) more or less, and that at least one-half the amount (the cost of the stone work) should be paid in on each section that is promised, before December 1st. If all can be paid, that is so much the better. We hope when Manor Street, now on the City plan, is dedicated, to recover from the City a part at least of the cost of the retaining wall. Meanwhile it will be paid for from the Chancel Fund, as it becomes a part of the new building.

5. **Kindergarten.**—For the proper support of the Kindergarten, six more scholarships, of the amount of $1.00 per month for nine months, are needed. The Rector will send envelopes to any who will help by a monthly payment of any amount. The school is in successful operation.

6. **Educational Classes.**—Contributions are needed toward the outfit of the Household School, and the Class in Carpenter-Work, described in another circular. They will be received and acknowledged by the Rector. When once on foot these classes are designed to be self-supporting.

The Monthly Special Offerings of this Quarter, for which envelopes have been distributed, should have a generous response. The objects are as follows:

For the City Mission,	October 27th.
For the Hospitals,	Thanksgiving Day.
For the Aged and Infirm Clergy,	Christmas Day.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISED.

July 28. Nina Marion Van Auken.
Sept. 1. Annie Elizabeth Brown.
8. Martha Harriet Hallowell.
Sept. 25. *Laura Anita Kneeshaw.
29. Norman Kenneth Berry.

* Adult Baptism.

BURIED.

July 22. Mrs. Fannie Cavanaugh.
Sept. 11. Florence Evelyn Cade.
Sept. 16. Mrs. Mary Ackroyd.
18. Barbara Anna Benninghove.

COMMUNICANTS.

Admitted Sept. 15. Benjamin Longbottom.
Deceased July 19. Mrs. Fannie Cavanaugh.
Transferred to Trinity Church, Oxford, Pa., Sept. 30, Mr. Albert Berry and Mrs. Ida Lawson Berry.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1895 (53 Sundays).

(Including special receipts until Easter Day.)

DR.

To Receipts from Tithes for the year	$ 306 66	
To Receipts from General Offerings for the year	1080 01	
To Special Donation for Clerical Supply	20 00	
		$1406 67
To Receipts from Mite Society Collections	99 35	
To Offerings and Donations for Belfry	179 96	
To Offerings for other improvements	173 10	
To Special Offering for Insurance on Organ	30 00	
To Sunday School for Parish House Fund	13 13	
To Special Offering Maundy Thursday evening	8 61	
To Balance and Donations, Organist Fund	130 00	
To Sunday School and Specials for Book Fund	45 46	
		$679 61
		$2086 28

CR.

By Sexton's Salary, 53 weeks	$288 00	
By heating and lighting Church	88 30	
By heating and lighting Parish House	71 90	
By Receipts of Rector for the year	891 67	
By Clerical Supply during Rector's Vacation	45 00	
By Episcopal and Convention Fund tax	25 06	
		$1409 93
By Insurance Policy on Organ	$ 30 00	
By Cost of Erection of Belfry	179 96	
By Improvements to Church property	176 25	
By Salary of Organist	130 00	
By Cost of Hymnals, &c.	29 58	
By Cost of Printing, Envelopes, &c.	92 69	
By Sundry Expenses	23 99	
By Excess of total Parish receipts over expenditures	13 88	
		$ 676 35
		$2086 28

FOR MISSIONARY AND EXTRA-PAROCHIAL OBJECTS.

Specials within the Diocese: Diocesan House, $15.00; Hospitals (St. Timothy's $16.04, Episcopal $13.29), $29.33; for the Manayunk Missior, $20.97; for Kindergarten, $20.00; for Diocesan Missions, $12.08 . . . . . $ 97 38

Specials outside the Diocese: Aged and Infirm Clergy, $20.05; S. S. Advent Offerings for Japan and Alaska, $19.44; One-half S. S. Lenten Offerings, for Domestic and Foreign Missions, $26.60; Missions to the Jews, $10.48; Oregon, $5.00; Liberia, $5.00; through Women's Auxiliary, Cash $23.00, Box valued at $33.00; through Y. W. M. S., Box valued at $16.80 . . . . . $159 37

UNDESIGNATED MISSIONARY OFFERINGS: Through the Sunday School, $124.50; through Church and from Alms Fund, $13.72.

These were distributed as follows: Diocesan Missions Assessment, $30.00; Sustentation Fund, $8.22; Domestic and Foreign Missions, $50.00; for the Kindergarten, $15.00; Rev. L. B. Ridgeley, $10.00; Italian Mission, $5.00; Missions to the Deaf, $5.00; Colored Mission in Richmond, $5.00; Church in Illinois, $5.00; Missionary to Morocco, $5.00 . . . . . $ 138 22

For the Bishop's Fund, for use at his discretion 10 81

Receipts for Alms Fund, $34.47.

Total receipts from all sources $3127 49

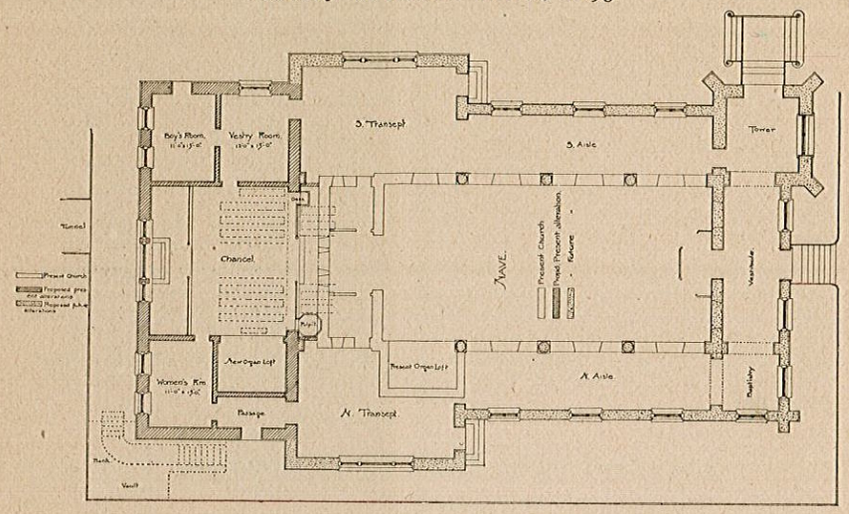
Amount deposited to credit of the Rectory Fund $1136 76

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH,

Wissahickon, Philadelphia.

Quarterly and Annual Statement

Monday in Easter Week, 1895.



The statement on the third page shows that the Fund for the erection of the Chancel (with vestry rooms, etc.) amounts (April 30th) to $889.68, $354.68 of which is deposited in Bank. The question of whether or not we shall be obliged to wait for another year before breaking ground depends upon the offerings and promises that are received within the next few weeks for this purpose.

THIS Easter Monday statement will indicate that there is much to be thankful for, in spite of hard times, in the history of the past year. The Chancel Building Fund is the matter of most immediate concern to the Rector's mind at present. The reasons why we need better accommodations at the east end of the Church were set forth in the Prospectus for the year. The Rector believes that in providing, (if possible *without delay*), proper accommodations for a vested choir composed of men, women and boys, we will be opening the way for improvements "all along the line." Surely we would not have the Church remain the meeting place of the few, rather than the Father's House of Prayer, with room for all. The plan contemplates, of course, the pulling down of both the east walls of the present building, in order to open up the new Chancel. This will give us a building about 95 feet long and 29 feet wide, of uniform height. It will seat about 300 people in the Nave, instead of 225, and will give at once the space which we need for Sanctuary and Choir, with the much needed pulpit and other equipments. It will afford also opportunity for the erection of many memorials, and thank-offering gifts, of church furniture, &c., for the beautifying of the House of God. Such memorials and gifts are proved to be powerful helps toward "setting the affections on things above." Here then is ample reason for offering our prayers, and our substance if we can, that the way may be open to erect the proposed Chancel without delay. The cost is estimated at between $3500 and $4000, and about one-fourth of this is already given or promised.

A COMPARISON with the report of a year ago will show a considerable increase in the amount given to objects outside the Parish. This is partly owing to the interest taken by the members of the Women's Auxiliary, and partly to the adoption of a system of monthly offerings by means of the special envelopes, now part of our envelope system. Shall we not have every such envelope returned? The children of the Sunday School have given more to missions this year than last year, and have given over $50 to Parish purposes besides, and the grown people who use envelopes, asked to do their part once a month, have begun to respond. There is great promise in the system for the future. Incidentally it should be noted that offerings for the Kindergarten Fund are always acceptable, and at present much needed. As the children are received without respect of persons or of ability to contribute, we consider this a true branch of our missionary work. Come and see the class for yourself on any school morning. The financial report is on the third page.

THE Quarterly Report shows receipts from tithes and offerings during the First Quarter of $374.58, instead of $500, the amount asked for. This fact is naturally a cause for regret, and a considerable hindrance to our work. It can be altered for the better by our people more generally adopting systematic principles in making their offerings to God, even though offerings be small. The envelope system as practiced here is the best means we know of to that end. If you have nothing to give, remember that you are ASKED TO PUT IN YOUR ENVELOPE EMPTY, (no one but God knowing the fact), as an indication of your interest and desire, and therefore to come to church as regularly as if you had abundance. And then as times improve, the Treasury will not be empty, but full, because of the loyal interest of our people. Are YOU using weekly envelopes? Then why not ask the Rector for them? This has indeed been said before, but it seems that it must be, "precept upon precept, line upon line." Thus far one hundred and forty-five people have taken out the envelopes.

Ever faithfully,

ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISED.

1895. (* Signifies adult persons; † in private.)

Jan. 19, †Thomas Bromley.
20, †Ewald Knoth.
31, *George W. Bromley.
31, Chester Bromley.
31, Mabel Bromley.
31, Alma Bromley.
Feb. 3, Joseph Harrison Fisher.
3, John Henry Fisher, Jr.
3, Alice Haughton.
3, Martha Ellen Burgess.
3, Algernon Lamar Eden.
March 9, Anna Warren.
15, *Mary Emma Bartle.
15, *Mrs. Wilamina Fisher
15, *James Frost.
15, *Anna Barbara Fisher (received).
15, *William Harvey Lewis (received).
17, *Mrs. Mary M. D. Lawrence.
April 13, John Miller Thackeray.

CONFIRMED.

(By Bishop Whitaker, March 20th.)

George Washington Bromley,
Adolph Bruno Fettig,
James Frost,
George Homiller,
George Hutchinson,
Benjamin King,
Henry Ernest Lane,
William Harvey Lewis,
Benjamin Longbottom,
Mrs. Anna Deborah Bartle,
Mary Emma Bartle,
*Mrs. Agnes Bromley,
Clara May Brower,
Martha Ella Brower,
Mary Ann Cooper,
Ann Jane Dennison,
Mrs. Wilamina Fisher,
Anna Barbara Fisher,
Mrs. Alice Giggles,
Mrs. Mary Hall,
Mrs. Catharine Jane Jackson,
Domicilla Beatrice Jeffries,
Mrs. Fannie A. Jones,
Maud Louisa Jones,
Lillie Beatrice Kemble,
Mrs Jane Ann King,
Clemence Miller,
Ella Robinson,
Mrs. Pauline Robinson,
Mary Ann Standeven,
Mrs. Sarah Ann Wooler.

* At St. Timothy's Church, March 27.

MARRIED.

January 23, John Raynor and Sallie Cavanaugh.

BURIED.

Jan. 23, Thomas Bromley.
Feb. 18, Mrs. Alice Davis Sines.
25, Rodney King Levering.
March 2, Mrs. Efcy Elmer.
5, Elizabeth Miller.
April 2, John Gershom Granberry.
30, Westby Broadbent.

COMMUNICANTS.

Admitted January 13, Henry L. Erford.
27, Mrs. Alice F. Creitz.
Received from St. Timothy's, Phila., January 23, Mrs. Sarah L. D. Hale.
Christ Church Chapel, March 26, Mr. Frederick Giggles.
Holy Innocents', Tacony, April 4, Miss Elizabeth Johnson.
St. David's, Manayunk, April 19, Mrs. Sarah A. Whitaker.
St. David's, Manayunk, April 19, Miss Ida R. Whitaker.
Entered without formal transfer, March 26, Mrs. Annie Benyon.
26, Mrs. Jane Evans.
26, Mrs. Rosely Merrick.
April 7, Miss Isabella G. Bland.
14, Miss Mary F. Small.

Most of those confirmed have also been admitted to Holy Communion.

175 Communicants reported to Convention.
31 Communicants registered here but removed or careless.
19 Persons attend Holy Communion here but are not registered.
111 Other Confirmed persons known to reside in the Parish.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31st, 1895.

DR.

To Receipts from Tithes (13 weeks)	$ 80 78	
To Receipts from General Offerings	293 80	
Of this amount the Envelopes have contained $266 61. And the loose offerings have reached $107 97.		$374 58

CR.

By Sexton's Salary	$ 79 00	
By amount reserved for other expenses	51 00	
By Rector's Receipts for the Quarter	244 58	
		$374 58
Average weekly total for the quarter	$ 28 81	
Average weekly total for the 1st quarter 1894	26 60	
Average total per week asked for Parish Expenses	38 46	

KINDERGARTEN ACCOUNT (Sept. to April).

Receipts from Scholarships	$159 75	Bills for Materials, &c.	$ 18 50
Receipts from Donations	33 25	Paid teacher on account	174 50
	$193 00		$193 00

There is a deficit of about $20 at present.

CHANCEL BUILDING FUND (April 30th).

Balance from last year	$ 3 12	
Cash Offerings	23 64	
Through Easter Thank-Offering Envelopes	275 86	
From Sunday School Offerings and Boxes	52 06	
		$354 68
Card promises	$ 35 00	
Other conditional subscriptions	500 00	
		$535 00
		$889 68

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISED.

1896.
May 31, Howard Alexander McLaughlin.
June 26, Harry Belfield Hams.
7, Griffith Redman Miller.
July 5, Edith Marion Beckert*.
31, Catharine Elizabeth Strouse.
Aug. 16, Harriet Lower Nutt.

1896.
Sept. 6, Stanley Missimer, Jr. (rec'd)
6, Mary Cliff Rothwell.
13, George Haughton.
13, Annie Florence Preston.
30, Ethel Custis Jeffries.
Oct. 4, Emma Milner.

MARRIED.

Aug. 2, Edward Alonzo Jeffries and Mary Ann Wright.
30, Walter John Eden and Emma Moyer.

BURIED.

June 20, James Harper.
July 9, John Wooler.
13, Edith Marion Beckert.*
Aug. 2, Harry Hartley Thackeray.
Aug. 14, Henry John Wylie.
26, John Ross Ferris.
Oct. 5, Ethel Custis Jeffries.

* By Rev. A. E. Tortat, M. D.

COMMUNICANTS.

Transferred from St. David's, Manayunk, April 17, Miss Jessie H. Carpenter.
Received by Letter from Ireland, July 26, John McCormick.
Admitted May 24, Mrs. Amanda E. Davis.
" July 12, William Edwards Buckley.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS, 1896.

(From Easter-Day to September 30th.)

DR.

Second Quarter. (April to June.)	To Receipts from Tithes	$ 56 45	
	" Receipts from General Offerings	285 44	
	" Subscriptions for Organist's Salary	15 80	
	" Subscriptions for Guarantee Fund	40 50	
			$398 19
Third Quarter. (July to Sept.)	To Receipts from Tithes	$ 58 83	
	" Receipts from General Offerings	259 32	
	" Subscriptions for Organist's Salary	15 20	
	" Subscriptions for Guarantee Fund	44 00	
			$377 35
			$775 54

CR.

By Sexton's Wages for 6 months	$156 00	
" Organist's Salary for 6 months	80 00	
" Amount reserved for other expenses	79 28	
" Rector's Receipts for 6 months	460 26	
		$775 54

Other Special Receipts. (April to September.)

Donations, etc., for the Sewer Frontage		$317 75
For the Alms Fund		4 52
For the Kindergarten Fund (Last Season's Account)		
From Scholarships	$45 50	
From Donations, etc.	52 79	$98 29
From the Mite Society Collections		25 10
From the Mothers' Guild for Improvements		30 64
Monthly Special Offerings: Domestic Missions, $7.36; Foreign Missions, $7.44; American Church Building Fund, $4.36; Board of Missions, Special, $9.40; and Missions to the Deaf, $6.62—Total		35 18
For Armenian Relief, from S. S., etc.		9 40

St. Stephen Church, Wissahickon, Phila.

No collection plate is passed to worshippers here, but offerings placed in the chests at the entrance to either aisle are presented upon God's Altar, as a part of our worship. We believe that He will bless all that is cheerfully and freely given. All the seats are free.

Report for the Second and Third Quarters, 1896.

OCTOBER 1st, 1896.

SERVICES.

SUNDAYS, 7 a. m., 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.
Sunday School, 2.30 p. m.
Holy Baptism, 4 p. m., on first Sunday of the month.
WEEK-DAYS, Wednesday and Friday, 7.45 p. m.
HOLY DAYS, Morning Service and Holy Communion, 9 a. m.
DURING ADVENT, Daily School Children's Service, 8.15 a. m.
Tuesday and Thursday, 4 p. m.

The New Chancel.

The subject that first concerns us, as members of the Parish, is at present the completion of the New Chancel. It is with a deep sense of thankfulness that we announce that the building is now under roof, and waiting only for contributions of about $300, and for the payment of pledges already made, to be pushed at once to completion, entirely free from debt. In such times as the present we could not have gotten so far except through God's blessing resting on the labor of our hands. And as we believe the building of the chancel to be God's work we are confident that His children will soon find the amount needed to complete it for His honor. It is very necessary therefore

1. That outstanding pledges should be paid in now.
2. That those who have not yet given should lend a hand.
3. That each one should do what he can at once, toward completing the Fund.

Shall we be able to dedicate the Chancel as a Thank-Offering to God on our Tenth Anniversary, Thanksgiving Day? It rests with our people to decide. The work will be delayed unless the funds are received, as we have already exceeded the amount actually in hand. Please read the statement carefully, and help if you can.

The building can now be inspected, and the design of it studied. Our friends are invited to examine it inside and out, and to ask as many questions as they will. But its full value and usefulness will only be realized when it can be occupied and used for the worship of God. We believe that, as concerns the usefulness of the Parish, the Chancel means an advance "all along the line."

The statement on the next page will show that the raising of a total amount of $4000 (which by the way is just the figure named on January 1st 1895) will enable us to occupy the building. It may not cover the cost of moving the organ, and of some conveniences, but these expenses can be postponed if necessary until we are able to afford them. The $4000 is intended however to include the decorations, grading, and connections with the sewer, which should all be done at once.

How to Contribute.

Any contributions will be very gladly received, through the offertory, or by the Treasurer or Rector. We desire, however, to have the section-plan and the memorial idea carried out as far as possible. Sixty memorial gifts have already been made, and we hope for many more. The following suggestions therefore are offered to our friends:

There are a number of $5.00 sections still unappropriated, as the plan will show. Each family ought to have paid for a section, or at least for part of one, in order to have a share in the work. It is not yet too late.

The floor of the sanctuary will be divided into 10 sections at $2.00 each. (These should all be memorial gifts).

The floor of the choir can be divided into 10 larger sections at $4 00 each.
$20.00 each, will pay for the two doors into the chancel.
$20.00 each, will pay for the two outside doors.
$10.00 each, will pay for the dormer windows of the chancel.
$20.00 each, will pay for the Vestry Room windows.
$30.00 will pay for the large double window in the Women's Room.

All these are parts of the *permanent building*. If you cannot pay for any of them, your name can at least be enrolled on the list of 5 cent weekly contributors to the Chancel Fund, and even that will be a real help. The Rector will be glad to furnish you with these envelopes, if you ask for them.

Chancel Fund Statement. October 6th, 1896.

The condition of the Chancel Fund is as follows:

Received to date—Cash, General Fund	$1531 82	
" " " " from weekly envelopes	57 72	
" " " " from section pledges	799 00	
" " " " for Chancel Arch Fund	67 90	
" " " " for Chancel Window	19 50	
		$2475 94
" Donations in materials and receipted bills	$75 00	
Total receipts to date		$2550 94
Pledges unpaid—section pledges	$198 00	
pledges for the Chancel Arch	67 10	
weekly envelopes to Easter next	107 00	
conditional pledges	800 00	
		$1172 10
Total of receipts and pledges		$3723 04

As against the above total, the following amounts have been paid out, up to the present time:

For work done last year	$1001 75	
For work done this season, on account	781 18	
		$1782 93
The further liabilities incurred for work already done are		$1192 07
The other expenses necessary to complete the work will reach		1025 00
Total cost therefore		$4000 00

The Chancel Window.

The Gothic window of the Chancel, frame and glass, are to be a memorial erected to the memory of the first Rector of the Parish, that saintly priest of God, the Rev. Charles R. Bonnell. This cannot be accomplished at once, as the building must first be paid for. There has thus far been received for the Memorial Window $19.50, which will only partly pay for the frame, already in place. The design of the Memorial Window will perhaps be this: The Ascension of our Lord in the central light; the translation of Elijah on the left hand, and the martyrdom of St. Stephen on the right. For the present, however, plain cathedral glass will be placed in the window until the money for the memorial is in hand, and the window is made.

It is understood that one of the guilds is endeavoring to replace the present wooden cross with a suitable brass one, which is very much needed. We hope for some other gifts of Chancel furniture.

Our Current Expenses.

We see great cause for thankfulness and hope in the regularity with which people have contributed during the past summer, though some have forgotten their envelopes. If our people realized the satisfaction which is felt by the Rector, in knowing that certain people return their envelopes with an offering, every week, rain or shine, perhaps everybody would use the weekly envelopes regularly, as they ought to do. Since Easter, an average of 100 envelopes have been received every Sunday, and they have contained an average amount of 21 cents. Considering the present depression we believe this to be a *remarkably* good showing. The people of the Parish however ought all to live up to the rule that they have made, namely:

"It is the duty of every communicant and regular attendant of the Church, to make a weekly offering according to his means, for the worship of Almighty God, and to use the envelopes of the Parish for this purpose." The Rector has Parish envelopes ready to give to any who will ask for them.

We hope also that, with the first of the new year, a large number of subscribers to the Guarantee Fund will be found, and thus the maintenance of the Parish be amply assured.

The Choir.

The opening of the New Chancel will enable us to accommodate a larger Choir than at present, the advantages of which will be very great. The Choir will be made up of men and women, vested, and the privilege of entering the Choir will also be extended to a limited number of boys, as soon as we are able to have some of our younger boys properly trained. We hope that the privilege of membership in the Choir will be appreciated as it ought to be. Those who are interested are invited to attend the rehearsals on Friday evenings, and for the boys it is proposed to start at once a class on Saturday afternoons. The enlarged Choir will involve expenses of course for hymnals and music, toward which contributions would be welcome.

The Sunday School.

The work of the Sunday School has been taken hold of with a will by the officers and teachers, and we are working together to develop a school which shall be as well conducted as any in the city. This necessitates real work—*loyal* work—on the part of the teachers, for Sunday School teaching, to be useful, is *work*, and not play. But it is very little that the teachers can do without the full co-operation of all the parents. Monthly reports of the scholars' faithfulness will be sent home, on the first Sunday of each month, and we ask the same attention to these that is given to the reports from the public schools. It needs to be remembered also that the effective work of a Sunday School involves many demands for money, and our school always has suffered from a scarcity of funds. Mr. Bromley, the Treasurer, will be glad to receive contributions at any time toward improving the facilities of the school. The prayers of the congregation are especially asked, on behalf of the Sunday School, on "Sunday School Sunday," October 18th next.

On account of the alterations in progress, the Rector has been able to do very little visiting during the past months, but he hopes to be able to call on each family of the Parish before the end of the year.

The Kindergarten.

The school closed, in June, a most successful season, with an average daily attendance of 22. A deficit of $48.00 remained at the end of the season however, which had to be met by donations, although we hope that, in better times, and with the help of those who have heretofore contributed, it will become self-supporting this year. The parents of each child will be supplied with weekly Kindergarten envelopes for contributions, and the Rector will be glad to send either weekly or monthly envelopes to others who will help support the school. The work will be continued, (*D. v.*), until Christmas, but its future depends on the support that it receives.

The Episcopal Fund Tax.

Perhaps it is not known to most of our members that the Parish is taxed each year about $31.00, for the support of the Bishop, and the expenses of the Diocesan Convention. If this tax were unpaid we would lose our representation in the Convention. But as there is no sufficient reason why the tax should be taken from the general offerings, an envelope is sent herewith, to each confirmed person of the Parish, with a request to place 25 cents in it, and return it for this purpose before Thanksgiving Day. In some Dioceses the tax for the support of the Bishop is as high as $1.50 per communicant, so we hope our people will cheerfully pay this smaller amount, and if there be a balance it will go toward the Convocation Fund for Diocesan Missions.

We hope that the Bishop, who has recently been ill, will be able to be with us for Confirmation, in March next, and that those who ought to do so will be ready to meet him then, to receive it. It is none too soon to consider that question now.

Ever faithfully,

ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER-DAY (53 Sundays).

DR.

To Receipts from Tithes for the year (53 Sundays)	$ 270 68	
To Receipts from General Offerings (53 Sundays)	1087 27	
Of this amount the Envelopes have contained $1054 32. And the loose offerings have reached 303 63.	$1357 95	
To Monthly Subscriptions for Organist's Salary	70 31	
To First Quarterly Payment of Guarantee Fund	46 50	
		$1474 76
To Sunday School Offerings for Parish House Fund	$ 31 31	
To Donation from St. Agnes Guild for Parish House Fund	5 00	
To Mite Society Collections	96 50	
To Donations for Improvements, etc. (Chancel excepted)	45 90	
To Sunday School Offerings and Donations for Book Fund	43 56	
To Interest on Rectory Fund	50 55	
		$ 272 82
		$1747 58

CR.

By Heating and Lighting Church, Water Tax, etc.	$126 80	
By Sexton's Salary (53 weeks)	318 00	
By Receipts of Rector for the Year (53 weeks)	845 65	
By Salary of Organist for 12 months	120 00	
By Episcopal and Convention Fund Tax	33 82	
By Clerical Supply for one Sunday	15 00	
		$1459 27
By Expenses of maintaining Parish House	$ 78 48	
By Cost of Printing Envelopes for Parish Offerings	25 00	
By Cost of Printing Circulars, Stationery, etc.	83 25	
By Cost of Improvements (except Chancel)	16 95	
By Cost of Hymnals, Bibles, etc.	46 24	
By Church Music and Sundry Expenses	34 19	
		$ 284 11
By Excess of Receipts over Expenditures		4 20
		$1747 58

FOR MISSIONARY AND OTHER SPECIAL OBJECTS.

From Offerings in Church: For Domestic Missions (April), $5.47; Foreign Missions (May), $7.99; Bishop White Prayer Book Society (June), $4.19; Children's Outing Fund (July), $5.00; Missions to the Deaf (Aug.), $6.97; Parish Kindergarten (Sept.), $7.70; The City Mission (Oct.), $7.80; The Hospitals (Nov.), $27.15 [of which $14.58 went to St. Timothy's Hospital]; Aged and Infirm Clergy (Christmas), $18.33; Diocesan Missions (Jan.), $13.21; Sunday School Association (Feb.), $10.39; Missions to the Jews (Good Friday), $7.43 . . . . . $121 63

Also these Special Offerings: For Armenian Relief, $3.00; for Brotherhood House, $7.50; from Woman's Auxiliary, for General Missions, $4.00; for Wyoming and Idaho, $8.00; Barrels and box sent to Tryon, N. C., $50.00; Box to Schofield N. and I. School, Aiken, S. C., $7.20; Donation from St. Agnes Guild to Home for Crippled Children, $10.00 . . . . . 89 70

From the Sunday School: Advent Offering for the Church at Royer's Ford, $11.25; Lenten Mite Box Offering for General Missions, $42.00; *and from the General Missionary Fund* the following: Sustentation Fund, $10.98; Diocesan Missions, $14.71; the City Mission, $15.00; and Domestic and Foreign Missions the balance, $13.36 . . . 107 30

For the Bishop's Fund, for use at his discretion 10 00

Receipts for the Alms Fund (last year, $34.47) 13 19

Total Receipts from all sources $3607 87

Balance to Credit of Rectory Fund $1187 21

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH,

Wissahickon, Philadelphia.

Quarterly and Annual Statement

EASTER-TIDE, 1896.

Vestrymen for the Year 1896-1897.

*GEORGE W. BROMLEY, *Rector's Warden.*
GEORGE MISSIMER, *Church Warden.*

WILLIAM B. HUGHES, *Secretary.*
AMOS W. BARNES.
HENRY M. TAYLOR.
JOSEPH WHITEOAK.
*GEORGE MISSIMER, JR., *Treasurer.*
*PROF. FRANK BERRY.
WILLIAM B. EDEN.
ALBERT WILBY.

*Delegates to Diocesan Convention.

Concerning the Parish.

The Annual Report herewith published needs careful study, and should offer many reasons for encouragement to all interested in the future of the work at St. Stephen Church. That the heavy charge of $317.75 for sewer-frontage has, since the first of the year, been almost disposed of, is in itself a great cause for thankfulness to Almighty God, and to the many friends who have given their assistance. And in regard to the Chancel improvement, we trust that the way before us will be clear to proceed, as soon as the present dark cloud of business depression begins to roll away. We hope even to be able to carry out this work during the coming summer, and in order that this may be done, the request is now made that all who can do so will undertake to make an offering *each week* for the Chancel, until the building is paid for, obtaining special envelopes from the Rector for that purpose in addition to their weekly envelopes for current expenses. The statement at the head of a paper that is now being circulated in the Parish for signatures, is as follows:

We the undersigned if the Lord prosper us, will make a weekly offering of at least five cents to the Chancel Fund until the whole amount is raised, provided this can be accomplished within two years.

There are about twenty names thus far. We ought to have upward of one hundred and fifty, and then it would be quite safe to proceed with the building. If the people of the Parish will do the best they can in this way, and if times improve, the work will be paid for well within the two year limit. And if it require self-denial, we will be no worse Christians for the exercise of that. Of course section-pledges, or other contributions for the Chancel will also be more than welcome.

The problem before us at present however is a double one, viz., to provide a larger and more reliable weekly income for current expenses, as well as to carry out this large work of Church improvement. But if we, each one, try to do what we can, God will take care of the results. As so often insisted upon, the regular, conscientious use of the weekly envelopes for the Parish, especially during the summer months, offers the key to the whole difficulty. The Rector believes that our people are contributing more regularly and faithfully now than ever before, especially since the meeting of the Congregation on January 23d. At that meeting this resolution of the Vestry was unanimously endorsed by the congregation:

"Resolved that the needs of the Parish are such for the coming year that the total tithes and offerings ought not to fall below the sum of $2300 to meet those needs."

And the following resolution, also unanimously passed, speaks for itself:

"Resolved that it is the duty of every Communicant and regular attendant of the Church, to make a weekly offering according to his means, for the worship of Almighty God, and to use the envelopes of the Parish for this purpose."

Upon this latter resolution we hope that the mind of the Congregation will never be changed. And if it is the *duty* of regular attendants to make a weekly offering, it is also the *privilege* of many who may be unable to attend regularly, to add their weekly contributions by using envelopes. Meantime, the services will be maintained, and will be free to all, whether they have much to give, or nothing.

Whether our offerings will reach the amount stated, during the present year, is of course doubtful. For the First Quarter they fell below last year, though the subscriptions to the Quarterly Guarantee Fund more than made up the difference. But as the principles upon which we are working are right, it is now but a question of time and patience, and faith, before our income from tithes and offerings is quite sufficient for our needs, and reliable. Meanwhile of course, more pledges for the Organist's Salary, or for the Guarantee Fund would be very welcome. The latter pledges are to be called in by the Vestry, two weeks before the end of each quarter, *if the regular income has been insufficient.* About twenty persons have subscribed thus far for the Guarantee.

We have not been able to give as much to outside objects as usual this year, but have tried to do our best, and therefore look forward confidently to the day when the Parish will have more to give.

Ever faithfully,

ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISED.

1896. (* Signifies adult persons; † baptised in private by Rev. A. E. Tortat, M. D.)

Jan. 26, Elmer Emerson Hutchinson.
Feb. 2, Elizabeth May Dennison.
19, Harry Hartley Thackeray.
27, Ida Savannah Hummel†.
Mar. 1, May Elizabeth Scott.
1, William Henry Miller.
6, *Florence Williams Marshall.
6, *Mrs. Helen Smith.
6, *Charlotte Morton Smith.
6, *Mrs. Mary Sykes.
Mar. 6, *Mary Ann Sykes.
6, *Ada Kerkeslager (received).
6, *Clara Amy Nuss (received).
6, *Samuel Wainwright Levins (received).
8, *William Edward Buckley.
April 4, Harry Lumb.
4, Charles Lumb.
4, John Sykes.
5, Mary Emsley.

CONFIRMED.

(By Bishop Whitaker, March 11, 1896.)

William Edward Buckley,
John Montgomery Cavanaugh,
Samuel Dennison,
William Hollingsworth,
Samuel Wainwright Levins,
Samuel Thompson,
Mary A. Bell,
Amy Berry,
Mrs. Mary Ann Cooper,
Florence Mary Cooper,
Emma Raynor Critcheson,
Mrs. Amanda Elizabeth Davis,
Lutie Keats Jones,
Ada Kerkeslager,
May Isabella Kneeshaw,
Laura Anita Kneeshaw,
Elizabeth C. Lewis,
Mary Chadwick Lyster,
Florence Williams Marshall,
Clara Amy Nus,
Mrs. Helen Smith,
Charlotte Morton Smith,
Mrs. Mary Sykes,
Mary Ann Sykes,
Mrs. Mary Thompson,
Mrs. Sarah Ann VanAuken.

BURIED.

Jan. 19, Irene Wylie.
19, Elizabeth Allen Wylie.
Feb. 18, Mrs. Elizabeth Florence Knoth,
Feb. 26, Harold Walter Duffy.
29, Ida Savannah Hummel.
April 2, John Duffy.

COMMUNICANTS.

Received from Church of the Redemption, January 31, Mrs. Ida May Leech.
St. David's, Manayunk, April 17, Jessie Hey Carpenter.
Admitted, January 25, Mrs. Mary E. Helliwell.
March 15, John Helliwell.
April 5, William Lane.

Most of those confirmed this year have also been admitted to Holy Communion.

Transferred to Trinity Church, Oxford, Pa., February 22, 1896,
Sarah Conner and Mary Conner.
Deceased, February 16, Mrs. Elizabeth Florence Knoth.

190 Communicant-members reported to Convention.
51 Persons registered here but removed or careless.
10 Persons attend Holy Communion here but are not registered.
90 Other Confirmed persons are known to reside in the Parish.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING WITH MARCH 29, 1896.

Dr.

To Receipts from Tithes (13 weeks)	$ 70 84	
To Receipts from General Offerings	292 57	
Of this amount the Envelopes have contained $290 61. And the loose offerings have reached 72 80.		$363 41
To Receipts from Guarantee Fund		43 50
		$406 91

Cr.

By Sexton's Salary (13 weeks)	$ 78 00	
By Rector's Receipts for the Quarter	263 89	
By amount reserved for other expenses	65 02	
		$406 91

Average weekly tithes and offerings for the quarter	$27 95
Average for same quarter 1895	28 81
Average for same quarter 1894	26 60

(The charge of $317.75 for sewer-frontage, which has been almost met by special donations, will appear on next year's report.)

ACCOUNT FOR EDUCATIONAL WORK. (Jan. 1 to April 1, 1896.)

Balance Jan. 1	$ 5 88	Kindergarten Salaries (on account)	$84 00
Donation for Kindergarten	6 96	Present Kindergarten balance	5 71
Scholarships	77 25		
Dues Cooking Class	$ 9 38	Payment of teacher for Cooking Class (in full)	22 00
Dues Drawing Class	1 05		
Dues Algebra Class	25		
Donation from St. Agnes Guild	8 00		
Donation	2 94		
	$111 71		$111 71

There will be a deficit of about $25.00 in the Kindergarten account at the end of the season unless special donations are received for that purpose.

CHANCEL FUND STATEMENT (April 28. 1896).

Cash acknowledged January 10	$1235 94	
Further receipts—Easter Offering from Congregation	165 40	
Easter Offering from Sunday School	28 11	
for Sections, etc., previously pledged	56 10	
for Memorial Window	5 00	
first fruits from weekly offering system	35	
Total cash received		$1490 90
Pledges unpaid, as follows:		
Conditional on the completion of the Fund	$1300 00	
For Sections, and from Sunday School, guilds, etc.	372 39	
		$1672 39
		$3163 29

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

WISSAHICKON, PHILA.

REPORT FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS, 1897

OCTOBER 1ST, 1897.

Financial Report

(from April 1st to September 30th).

FUND FOR GENERAL CHURCH EXPENSES.

DR.

SECOND QUARTER. April–June.	To Receipts from Tithes	$ 58 83	
	To Receipts from General Offerings	267 77	
	To Offerings for Music Fund	5 00	
			$331 60
THIRD QUARTER. July–September.	To Receipts from Tithes	$ 69 38	
	To Receipts from General Offerings	267 43	
	To Offerings for Music Fund	36 78	
			$373 59
			$705 19

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By Sexton's Wages for Six Months	$156 00	
By Organist's Salary for Six Months	100 00	
By Rector's Receipts for Six Months	359 10	
By Loose Offerings in September, for Deficit	19 80	
By Amount Received for Coal, Gas, etc.	70 29	
		$705 19

OTHER SPECIAL RECEIPTS.

Receipted Bill for Chancel Carpet, from Mothers' Guild		$90 73
Receipted Bill for Lumber for Boardwalk		2 73
For the Kindergarten Fund (last season's account now closed):		
From Scholarships	$ 1 00	
Donations to close the account	56 72	
		$57 72
For the Chancel Fund		24 23
For the Alms Fund		3 88

Monthly Special Offerings: Domestic Missions (additional), $3.70; Foreign Missions, $4.31; Missions to Colored People, $3.20; Board of Missions for deficit, $5.81; Missions to the Deaf, $6.35; Sunday School Association, $3.30; total, $26.67.

Extracts from the Parish Register.

BAPTISED.

June 6. * Albert Bear Hummel.
John Thomas Hummel (recv'd).
Margaret Matilda Nutt.

July 2. † John Lyle Saylor.
Sept. 10. † Anton Albert Beckert, Jr.

* Adult person. † Baptised in private.

MARRIED.

June 3d. Amos Warren Barnes and Sarah Missimer.

BURIED.

Aug. 30. Margaret Matilda Nutt.
Sept. 16. Anton Albert Beckert, Jr.

COMMUNICANTS.

Transferred to St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, Alice Waugh.
" " Grace Church, New York, Oct. 12, Mrs. Jane McFadden, Miss Emma McFadden and Miss Kate McFadden.

The Sexton's Resignation.

At the monthly meeting of the Vestry, on October 4th, the resignation of Mr. George Peat from the position of Sexton was received, to take effect October 31st, and was accepted. At a subsequent special meeting, held October 11th, the following minute was adopted and ordered printed, and Mr. Chas. H. Jeffries was elected to fill the position thus made vacant.

Wissahickon, Phila., Oct. 11, 1897.

The Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen Church, Manayunk, have received the resignation of Mr. George Peat from the position of Sexton of the Church, tendered because of his advancing years, and to take effect October 31.

In accepting this resignation on behalf of the Parish we desire to place on record our appreciation of the faithful service that Mr. Peat has rendered during nine years past. We recall the many discouragements that he has encountered, the earnest desire that he has always shown, to make the church and the adjoining grounds attractive, and the careful diligence with which he has ever performed his duties in the House of God.

We regret the ill health that has made necessary his resignation, and we trust that God's blessing will follow him in the days that are to come.

For the Vestry,

GEO. W. BROMLEY,
Secretary pro tem.

ELLISON J. PEROT, Rector.

We feel confident that the good wishes expressed in the above resolution will be echoed by all the members of the Parish.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT, given above, compares somewhat unfavorably with that of the same quarters last year. The envelope offerings have amounted to almost exactly the same as last year—a falling off of 21 cents for the six months, while the TOTAL of tithes and offerings shows a gain of $3.37 over last year's record The offerings for the Music Fund last year were $31.00, and this year $41.78, but last year the Guarantee Fund subscriptions produced $84.50, for which we have nothing to compensate this year. The total receipts for Church Expenses for the six summer months have, therefore, been $69.35 less than last year, and consequently the receipts of the Rector have fallen off very considerably. The thought suggests itself that people perhaps give for current expenses, when they are also contributing for such a work as the Chancel more largely than when they have no special undertaking on hand. For surely there ought to be more money earned by our people now than there was a year ago, on the eve of the late election.

The only suggestion to be made at present for the improvement of the affairs of the Parish, is that our people will each try to do his or her *own full part*, cheerfully and patiently, by returning the weekly envelopes, and contributing according to his means. The members of the Vestry, however, will be glad to receive special contributions toward the expense of the winter's coal, which should be put in at once, and for which, on account of the deficit, there are NO FUNDS ON HAND.

The Episcopal Fund Tax.

ACCORDING to the plan introduced last year, an envelope is sent herewith to each confirmed person in the Parish, asking for a contribution of 25 cents toward the amount of $32.66, which the Parish is required to pay for the support of the Bishop and for the expenses of the Diocesan Convention. Last year 108 people made this contribution, but as we have reported 220 communicants in good standing, and as every one ought to share willingly in the support of the Bishop, the Rector looks for twice as many contributors this year. If more is contributed than the amount of the assessment, the balauce will be given to the Convocation Fund for Diocesan Missions.

The various guilds of the Parish have now entered upon their winter's work, and with a willingness to forget self in the service of others and of the Master, we look forward to an active and fruitful year. May God's Spirit ever guide us, and the blessing of His presence rest on all that is undertaken IN HIS NAME.

Ever faithfully,

ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING EASTER DAY (52 Sundays).

RECEIPTS—Church Fund.

To Receipts from Tithes for the year (52 Sundays)	254 44	
To Receipts from General Offerings (52 Sundays)	1128 98	
Of this amount the Envelopes have contained $1073 16		
And the loose offerings have reached 310 26	$1383 42	
To Contributions for Organist's Salary	51 65	
To Subscriptions to Guarantee Fund	128 00	
		$1563 07
To Receipts from Episcopal Fund Envelopes	27 35	
To Receipts from Mite Society Collections	48 85	
To Sunday School Offerings for Parish House Expenses	36 48	
To Donation from Mothers' Guild for Improvements	30 64	
To Subscriptions for Sewer on Hermit Street	314 86	
To Easter Thank-Offering	86 78	
To Interest on the Rectory Fund	50 00	
To Sunday School Offerings for Book Fund	33 89	
		$628 85
		$2191 92

EXPENDITURES.

By Heating and Lighting Church, Water-rent, etc.	*140 65	
By Sexton's Services at the Church	208 00	
By Salary of Organist	176 66	
By Clerical Supply (July, 1896)	15 00	
By Cost of Printing Envelopes and Circulars, etc.	63 65	
By Rector's Receipts for the Year	906 90	
		$1510 86
By Tax for Episcopal Fund	$31 10	
By Expenses of Parish House—heat, light and care	*181 50	
By Cost of Sewer and Improvements on Manor Street	393 02	
By Church Music and Sundry Expenses	46 46	
By Cost of Hymnals, etc.	37 85	
		$689 93
		$2200 79

* Of these sums, coal bills amounting to $67 remain *unpaid*, on account of the small amount of the Easter Offerings.

Receipts for the Chancel Fund during the Year $2937 12

RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONARY AND OTHER SPECIAL OBJECTS.

From Offerings in Church: For Foreign Missions (May), $7.65; For American Church Building Fund (June), $4.53; For the Board of Missions' Indebtedness (July), $9.50; For Missions to the Deaf (Aug.), $6.92; For Parish Educational Work (Sept.), $6.26; For City Mission (Oct.), $9.07; For the Hospitals (Nov.), $26.17 [of which $16.21 went to St. Timothy's Hospital]; For Aged and Infirm Clergy (Dec.), $16.11; For Diocesan Missions, Convocation of Germantown (Jan.), $7.16; For Missions to the Jews (Good Friday), $7.92; For Domestic Missions (April), $5.11; For Colored Missions, $1.00 . . . . . $107 40

Also these Special Offerings: For Armenian Relief, $17.03; From Woman's Auxiliary, for Domestic Missions, $2.50; For Foreign Missions, $2.50; Box sent to Florida, $10.78; From the Babies' Branch Junior Auxiliary, $15.00 . . . . . 47 81

For Alms Fund: Regular receipts for the year, $10.46; February Offering, $7.05; Special contributions, $145.00 . . . . . 162 51

From the Sunday School: Advent Offering for Snyder Avenue Mission, $15.78; Lenten Mite Boxes for General Missions, $40.58, *and from the General Missionary Fund* the following: Sustentation Fund, $10.13; Diocesan Missions, balance of the amount apportioned to the Parish, $22.84; City Mission, $15.98 . . . . . 105 31

ACCOUNT OF KINDERGARTEN FUND (SEASON 1896–97).

Rec'd from weekly payments	$118 22	By printing envelopes	$ 3 00
monthly scholarships	21 00	supplies	1 00
Sept. offering in church	6 26	payment of teacher on account	149 48
Donations	8 00		
	$153 48		$153 48

Total Receipts for Kindergarten, May 1st, 1896 to April 30th, 1897 . . $247 77

Work discontinued April 30th, 1897. Arrears of Salary owing to teacher. $57.72.

Total Receipts from all sources for the year $5793 58

Balance to credit of Rectory Fund, May 20th, 1897 . . . $1254 81

GEORGE MISSIMER, JR., *Treasurer.*

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH, WISSAHICKON, PHILA.

Quarterly and Annual Statement

EASTER-TIDE, 1897.

REV. ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector,

Residence, 3748 Manayunk Ave., Wissahickon, Phila.

Vestrymen for the Year 1897-1898.

GEORGE W. BROMLEY, *Rector's Warden.*
GEORGE MISSIMER, *Church Warden.*

WILLIAM B. HUGHES, *Secretary.*
AMOS W. BARNES.
PROF. FRANK BERRY.
WILLIAM B. EDEN.
GEORGE MISSIMER, JR., *Treasurer.*
PROF. EMILE PERNET.
JOSEPH WHITEOAK.
ALBERT WILBY.

The Chancel Paid For.

REMEMBERING the difficulties that have stood in the way of the Chancel enterprise, during two years past, we cannot help feeling thankful, both that the work of building the Chancel is about completed, and especially that the building has been paid for. And although there are many outside of our own numbers, to whom the thanks of the Parish are due, for assistance willingly rendered, in this work for the glory of God, yet there are two lessons which those words "The Chancel paid for" ought to teach our own people. First, that no object of this sort will ever be accomplished unless it is undertaken with a will, trusting in God to further the work intended for His glory. And second, that even in very hard times, good things *can* be accomplished if we try, with a willingness to make sacrifices for them.

Let us therefore ask all who have had a hand in the work to rejoice with us in its completion. Thanks are returned—so far as thanks are in order—to those who contributed either in money, time or materials; to St. Peter's Church Germantown, for the choir and clergy stalls and for the offering taken at the Consecration of their Memorial Chancel; To Calvary Church Germantown, for the Credence Table; to the Mother's Guild for the carpet and matting, to those who subscribed toward completing the Fund and removing the debt, and in short to all who have helped. If God's name is glorified by the result, however, that is the best of thanks.

WE regret that the Easter Offering fell below the amount needed to remove all our floating debts, it having only reached $86.78 this year, against $193.51 last year and $275.86 two years ago. The small sum, of course, merely indicates the condition of the times, the past winter having been about the hardest ever known in this section. The amount of $67.00, therefore, for last year's coal, remains still unpaid, principally chargeable against the Parish House Expenses. It was found necessary, moreover, on account of the falling off of receipts, to close the Kindergarten at the end of April, after conducting it for nearly six years. A deficit of $57.72 remains there also to be met, and offerings or contributions toward covering either of these deficits would be very welcome, it being our purpose always to "pay as we go." In place of our own Kindergarten, a similar Kindergarten under the Board of Education will be opened, in our rooms, on June 1st, and its teacher should have the good wishes and co-operation of all who are interested in the training of the children of the neighborhood.

THERE are several smaller improvements for which funds are much needed at present. We desire to see the following things accomplished when the means are forthcoming:

The stained glass window from the old chancel placed in the north wall of the Baptistry, and the Baptistry wainscoted and plastered.

Vestments provided for the choir.

Carpet on the floor of the Vestry Room.

A coat of paint given to the Parish House, and the floors covered with linoleum or cocoa-matting.

It is very desirable that these things should be accomplished with as little delay as possible. The Parish House has suffered greatly from our inability to spend a little money upon it. After these needs are provided for we hope to see a proper side walk on Hermit Street, the connections made with the sewer, and a few more pews provided for the front of the church.

BUT the most immediate need of the Parish is for a LARGER REGULAR INCOME. Owing to the scarcity of work, and low wages, we are falling far below the amount that is needed to provide properly for current expenses. The regular offerings are running below last year, even though the Guarantee Fund has been abandoned. On looking over the list of weekly envelopes that are returned, the Rector is led to believe that most of the people who are using them are giving liberally in proportion to their means. But the season is approaching now when the offerings are generally smallest, and when it is most easy to neglect your offerings and most necessary that you should always send in what you have to give. If you are not already contributing weekly will you not then ask for the envelopes at once, and give the Rector and Vestry that assurance of your cooperation, and of your interest in carrying forward the work committed to us? Even if you have very little to give, *it will help if you send it in a weekly envelope.*

Among the envelopes to be given out for the next six months, on the last Sunday in June, there will be found an extra envelope each month for the Music Fund. We need upwards of $200 a year for this purpose,—for the Organist's Salary and sheet-music,—and if special offerings are received to cover it, the burden upon the regular offerings will be lightened. *No pledges however will be asked*, and we hope that our people, who are all interested in the high character of our music, will give what they can without decreasing their regular offerings, and also without neglecting the monthly missionary envelopes.

THE Special Services in February were a good introduction to an helpful Lent, of which the children's services on Lenten mornings were an encouraging feature. Let us remember that warm weather is but a flimsy excuse for neglect of our Christian privileges, and strive to make the attendance and devotions in Our Father's House worthy of our Ascended Lord.

Ever faithfully yours,

ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISED.

1896. (* Signifies adult persons. † Baptized in private.

Dec. 6, James Joseph Spillane.

1897.

Feb. 7, Henry John Wylie.
7, John Alexander Hague, Jr.
Mar. 7, Benjamin King, Jr.
7, Joseph Rothwell Sumner.
12, *Charles Henry Jeffries.
12, *Charles Austin Geesaman.
12, *Harriet Frost.
Mar. 12, * Chester Arthur Sykes.
12, * Bertha May Sykes.
April 4, Edward Durbin Robinson.
17, Rachel Irene Eden.
May 9, Lucetta Victoria Lane.
14, *Mrs. Laura Carman.
16, †Mrs. Mattie Ella Good.
16. †John Thomas Good.
May 16, Robert Warren, Jr.

CONFIRMED.

By Rt. Rev. Bishop Whitaker, March 17th, 1897.

Daniel Antrim,
George Cooper,
John Henry Fisher,
Charles Austin Geesaman,
William Napoleon Genne, Jr.,
Robert Hams,
Charles Henry Jeffries,
Henry Christman Missimer,
Henry Melvin Stanley,
Chester Arthur Sykes,
Ray Ivison Carpenter,
Sallie Dix,
Harriet Frost,
Mrs. Mary Norris Geesaman,
Blanche Elizabeth Hewitt,
Ethel Hodgkinson,
Annie Kinder,
Mabel King,
Mrs. Annie Kirkwood,
Anna Lumb,
Mrs. Sarah Storr,
Bertha May Sykes,
Alma Eugenia Thomas,
Bessie May West,
Mary Emma Wilby,
Mrs. Elizabeth Emma Wilkinson.

MARRIED.

May 5, Thomas Newton Southerland and Eva Irene Davidson.

BURIED.

Feb. 6, William Wilcock,
Mar. 4, Mrs. Caroline Willis,
April 1, Parkington Schofield.
May 12, Edward Springer,
20, Mrs. Mattie Ella Good,

COMMUNICANTS.

Received from Church of Wales, Mr. A. A. Cecil Davies.
Received by letter from Ireland, April 4, 1897, Miss Sophia Wilson.
" " " " Holy Trinity, Lansdale, Pa., Miss Alice Dundore.
" from St. David's Church, April 21, 1897, Mrs. Lilian Drobil, Mrs. Letitia Dennison and Mrs. Margaret A. Wylie.
" from Calvary Church, Conshohocken, William Baldrick.
" " St. James the Less, May 21, Mrs. Ann Ellen Lindley.
" " Church of the Covenant, May 21, William E. Lynn.
" " Grace Church, Philadelphia, May 22, Robert A. Wallis and Mrs. Antoinette Wallis.
Readmitted Easter, 1897, Mrs. Mary H. Beaver and Mrs. Robert Hams.

Most of those confirmed this year have also been admitted to Holy Communion.

Transferred to St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, Jan. 1, 1897, William H. Holden.

220 Communicants in good standing, reported to Convention.
58 persons registered here, but removed or careless.
15 persons receiving Holy Communion here but not transferred.
90 other confirmed persons in the neighborhood neglectful of their privileges.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT.

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING WITH MARCH 28, 1897. (13 weeks.)

DR.

To Receipts from Tithes	$ 72 45	
To Receipts from General Offerings	284 01	
Of this amount the Envelopes contained $256 28		$356 46
And the loose offerings reached 100 18		
To Contributions for Organist's Salary	$ 7 90	
To Contributions for Guarantee Fund	6 50	
Average weekly receipts for the quarter $27 42		$370 86
Average for same quarter 1896 27 95		
Average for same quarter 1895 28 81		
Average for year ending May 1st, 1897 26 61		

CR.

By Sexton's Salary (13 weeks)	$ 78 00
By Organist's Salary	50 00
By Amount Reserved for Other Church Expenses	52 30
By Receipts of Rector for the Quarter	190 56
	$370 86

CHANCEL FUND STATEMENT (May 1, 1897).

DR.

To offerings and contributions	$1703 53
" offering at Consecration of Chancel, St. Peter's, Germantown	86 49
" subscriptions for five dollar sections	937 00
" offerings from S. S. and Guilds for Chancel Arch	135 13
" offerings for Chancel Window	24 50
" proceeds of five cent weekly envelopes	155 11
" Donation from Margaretta Lewis Fund	500 00
" Donation from Advancement Society	500 00
" Contributions of Materials and Services	181 26
" Subscriptions to complete the Fund	205 00
	$4428 02

CR.

1895, By Retaining Wall and Excavations	1001 75
1896, " Cost of Erection of Chancel	3418 09
1897, May 1, By Balance for further improvements	8 18
	$4428 02

NEW BY-LAWS

Unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the Congregation held in the Church, March 20th, 1901, and to take effect May 1st, 1901.

BY-LAW I.—Of Voters.

In order to have the right to vote in a business meeting of the Congregation, a person must be an actual attendant at the services of the Church or a regular contributor, and must have been entered at least six months previously in the list of the Communicants of the Parish (according to Section II of Canon XIV of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

BY-LAW IV.—Of Income and Expenditure.

Section I. Chests shall be conveniently placed in the Church for the reception of tithes and offerings at all times, and what is cast into them, together with that which is received on the plate, shall be brought up to the Holy Table at the time of Divine Service.

Section II. The Rector shall receive the use of the Rectory, free from taxes and water-rents; or with the approval of the Vestry he may locate his residence elsewhere. He shall also receive each week from the general income of the Church, such amount as may be agreed upon between himself and the Vestry.

Section III. If it shall appear that a deficit in the General Fund is likely to occur on April 30th, then the Easter Thank-Offering shall be devoted to this purpose. If the amount received is still insufficient to cover the deficit, a subscription list shall be opened for this purpose at the Annual Meeting.

CANON XIV, DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Section II. And the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the Communicants within his cure. He shall enter on the list the names of all persons confirmed in his Parish who have received the Holy Communion, or who have been received by letters of transfer from other Parishes, or who, being regular Communicants in his Parish, he finds after diligent inquiry are not registered anywhere else. And he shall from time to time, and at least annually before the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, remove from such list the names of all persons who have died, or received Holy Orders, or taken letters of transfer to other Parishes, or been excommunicated or suspended, or who have formally renounced the Communion of the Church, or who in the judgment of the Minister have permanently ceased to be Communicants of the same; or who, having removed from his Parish without notice, after reasonable and due effort cannot be traced.

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH,

MANAYUNK, PHILA.

Church Warden, William B. Eden, 1902.
Rector's Warden, William J. Bassett, 1902.

Walter J. Eden, 1903, *Treas.*
William Baldrick, 1903.
Joseph H. Clay, 1903.
Frederick Greenwood, 1902.
Joseph C. Davenport, 1903, *Secy.*
Robert Hodgkinson, 1902.
George H. Land, 1902.
Benjamin King, 1903.

REV. ELLISTON J. PEROT, Rector.

Report for the Year ending April 30th, 1901.

(From the Rector's Annual Report to Convention.)

Baptisms, Adult, 5; Infant, 34; total		39
Confirmed, Male, 9; Female, 16; total		25
Communicants, last Annual Report, 225.		
Added, new, 27; by transfer, 5.		
Subtracted, died, 4; transferred, 10; removed, 20.		
Communicants reported this year		223
Marriages		8
Burials		19
Public Services, on Sundays	159	
On other days	97	
		256
Holy Communion		71
Sunday School, total membership		270

The following balance is on hand:

For the Memorial Chancel Window $140 00

ANNUAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS.

General Church Account.

To General Offering for the year		$839 52	
Of the above the envelopes have contained	$531 44		
Loose offerings on week days	48 09		
To special offerings for coal		52 67	
To special offerings for Music Fund ($56.00 from Choir)		103 45	
To specials from Choir Association		68 20	
To 50-cent offerings for Parish Assessments		51 75	
To payment for use of organ		10 00	
To subscriptions and offerings to cover deficiency, (Mothers' Guild, $10.00; C. E., 55 cts.)		71 55	
			$1191 14

Parish House Account.

To Sunday School offerings for Parish House expenses	$27 41	
To offering from Sunday School Association	145 00	
To rent of rooms for Kindergarten	200 00	
		372 41

Specials within the Parish.

For Rectory Improvement; (Balance, $14.00; subscriptions, $95.00; Mothers' Guild, $18 55; Mite Society, $20 00; S. S. Association, $40.00; Daughters of the King, $5.00; Easter Thank-Offering, $145.77; other offerings, $123 75.)	$462 07	
Donations; Discount on heater bill, $10.97; S. S. Association, $10.00; Sunday School, for steps, $16.46; for *Young Christian Soldiers*, $45.90; for flowers for the Altar, $4.00; other Donations, $1.62	88 95	
From Mite Society; for S. S. expenses, $15 00; for tracts, etc., $12.14; for sundries, $4.68	31 82	
From the S. S. Association; for expenses of School, $47.73; for sundries, $19.75	67 48	
From Mothers' Guild; for shades for Rectory, $9.00; for Memorial Window Fund, $15.00; interest added to same, $5.00	29 00	
S. S. Offerings for Library Books	19 24	
		798 56

Account of Missionary Offerings, etc.

From the Alms Fund, Regular Receipts, $2.56; Special Contributions, $73.40	$75 96	
From Church Missionary Offerings, Domestic Missions, $2.51; Deaf, $3.05; Work of Brotherhood of St. Andrew, $9.14; Relief of Church in Texas, $10.39; St. Timothy's Hospital, $7.36; Episcopal Hospital, $7.62; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $5.00; General Clergy Relief, $5.00; Missions to the Jews, $3.83; Church in Arkansas, $4.00; from Mothers' Guild, for Arkansas, $5.00	62 90	
From the Woman's Auxiliary, Bishop Morris, $5.00; Bishop Brown, $5.00; Contributed for box, $8 00	18 00	
From the Babies' Branch, Lenten offering	1 35	
From the Sunday School, Special for Rev. Mr. Ridgely's Work, $9.25; Advent Offerings for Diocese of Texas, $18.66; Lenten Offering for General Missions, $173.65; (Class Offerings, $20.29; Mite Box Offerings, $148.07; C. E. Societies, $5.29;) Seamen's Mission, $5.00; Colored Work in Philadelphia, $5.00; Bishop Brown's Work, $5.00; City Mission, $11.19; Diocesan Missions, (pledge of Parish), $21.76	249 51	
		407 72
Total Receipts from all sources		$2769 83

For the Year ending April 30th, 1901.

EXPENDITURES.

General Church Account.

By cost of heating and lighting Church, and water rent	$149 90	
By Sexton's services at the Church	182 00	
By coal for Rectory	51 75	
By taxes and water rents on Rectory	47 96	
By salary of Choirmaster to date	96 00	
By cassocks, books, music, etc., for Choir	62 50	
By expenses of "Haydn's Passion"	32 30	
By assessments (for Episcopal Fund, $33.19; for Sustentation Fund, $10.32; for Diocesan Missions, $30.00)	73 51	
By bills for printing, $42.75; sundries, $8.79	51 54	
By Rector's receipts for the year	*494 57	
		$1242 03

Parish House Account.

By taxes and water rent on Parish House	43 49	
By heating and lighting of same	72 90	
By repairs to chimneys, Parish House	6 00	
By Sexton's services at Parish House	182 00	
		304 39

Account of Specials within the Parish.

By Rectory Improvement, (Gas fixtures, $31.75; Heater, $314.00; other improvements, $137.04)	482 79	
By improvements to Church heater, $28.97; materials for steps, $27.84; window shades, $9.00	65 81	
By flowers for the Chancel	4 00	
By library books, $10.63; Prayer Books, $8.61	19 24	
By expenses of Sunday School	208 63	
By sundry repairs, etc.	36 57	
By deposit to credit of Memorial Window Fund	20 00	
		837 04

Account of Missionary Offerings, etc.

For the Poor, etc.	$73 40	
For the Bishop's Fund	2 56	
Offerings sent from the Church	62 90	
Offerings sent from the Woman's Auxiliary	10 00	
Offering from the Babies' Branch	1 35	
Offerings sent from the Sunday School	227 75	
Missionary box sent to Illinois, valued at	8 00	
		385 96
Total Expenditures for all purposes		$2769 42

*Note.—To this amount is to be added the use of the Rectory and a supply of coal for the winter.

ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

MANAYUNK, PHILA.

Church Warden, WILLIAM B. EDEN, 1904.
Rector's Warden, JOSEPH H. CLAY, 1903.

WALTER J. EDEN, 1903, *Treas.*
WILLIAM BALDRICK, 1903.
WILLIAM J. BASSETT, 1904.
JOSEPH C. DAVENPORT, 1903.
FREDERICK GREENWOOD, 1904, *Secy.*
ROBERT HODGKINSON, 1904.
GEORGE H. LAND, 1904.
BENJAMIN KING, 1903.

REV. ELLISTON J. PEROT, RECTOR.

Report for the Year ending April 30th, 1902

(From the Rector's Annual Report to Convention.)

BAPTISMS, Adults, 1; Infants, 10; total		11
CONFIRMED, Male, 4; Female, 15; total		19
COMMUNICANTS, last Annual Report, 223.		
Added, new, 20; by transfer, 1; restored, 4.		
Subtracted, transferred, 1; removed, 19.		
Communicants reported this year		228
MARRIAGES		7
BURIALS		13
PUBLIC SERVICES, on Sundays	161	
On other days	111	
		272
Holy Communion		71
SUNDAY SCHOOL, total membership		260

The following balances are on hand:

ENDOWMENT FUND.

On deposit for Memorial Chancel Window, about	$150 00
For the purchase of a new Organ-motor	89 00
Balance in the Sunday School Book Fund	7 10

The Deficiencies, after all bills are paid, are as follows:

For Current Expenses, etc.	$88 82
For work done on the Rectory	74 11
Total Deficiency, May 1st	$162 93

☞ *Toward wiping out this debt subscriptions are now being received. Your assistance will be welcome.*

ANNUAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS.

General Church Account.

To General Offerings for the year (Of which amount the envelopes have contained $650.76)	$931 96	
To special offerings for Taxes, etc.	23 55	
To special offerings for Coal (from Mothers', $10.00; from C. E., $5.00)	62 52	
To offerings for Music Fund (from Choir, $78.00)	132 52	
To specials from the Choir Association	46 31	
To 50-cent offerings for Parish Assessments	57 05	
To Sunday School offerings for Church expenses	47 01	
To interest on deposits, 36 cts; donations, $11.34	11 70	
		$1312 62

Parish House Account.

To Sunday School offerings (Second Sundays)	$28 56	
To offerings from the Sunday School Association	186 00	
To rent of rooms for Kindergarten	200 00	
		414 56
Total Receipts for Current Expenses		$1727 18

Account of Specials within the Parish.

Endowment Fund; two offerings	$18 68	
Contingent Fund; donation from Sunday School Asso.	100 00	
Rectory Improvement Fund (Mothers' Guild, $28.55; Mite Society, $25.00; Intermediate Class, $29.01; Class 8, $100.00; Class 7, $37.50; Class B, $38.38; Young Crusaders, $14.00; Easter Thank-Offering, $77.34; other contributions, $381.25); total	731 03	
Organ Fund; for use of Organ, $14.00; from Musicale, $75.00; total	89 00	
From the Mite Society	26 74	
From the Mothers' Guild (additional)	8 90	
From the Sunday School Association (for Sunday School expenses, $41 59; for expenses of the Voice, $15.00)	56 59	
Offerings for Altar-flowers	12 00	
Sunday School Offerings for Library Books	7 10	
		1050 04

Account of Missionary Offerings, etc.

From the Alms Fund, Regular Receipts and Special Contributions	$62 00	
From Church Missionary Offerings, St. Timothy's Hospital, $5.61; Episcopal Hospital, $5.60; Aged and Infirm Clergy, $5.42; General Clergy Relief, $5.43; General Missions, $8.94; Missions to the Jews, $2.50; Mothers' Guild, for Bishop Brown, $5.00; Mite Society, for Bishop Brown, $2.00; Special Offerings, $3.00	43 50	
From the Woman's Auxiliary, for Arkansas, $5.00; for the Seamen's Mission, $3.00; for Red Bank, $3.00; for the Sheltering Arms, $3.00	13 00	
From the Men's Auxiliary, for General Missions	4 00	
From the Babies' Branch, for General Missions	2 50	
From the Sunday School, Advent Offering, for Church in Florida, $17.33; Lenten Offering, for General Missions, $203.50; (Mite Boxes, Sunday School, $170.17; C. E., $5.60; Class Offerings, $24.23; Commissions on Subscriptions to the *Spirit of Missions*, $3.50); for Seamen's Mission, $5.05; for Church of the Crucifixion, $5.00; for Missions to the Deaf, $3.20; for the City Mission, $5.00; for Convocation of Germantown (balance of Parish apportionment) $18.43; total	$257 51	
		382 51
Total Receipts from all sources		$3159 73

For the Year ending April 30th, 1902.

EXPENDITURES.

General Church Account.

By Rector's stipend for the year	$780 00	
By Sexton's services at the Church	184 00	
By cost of heating and lighting Church, and water rent	158 85	
By taxes and water rents on the Rectory	46 00	
By salaries of Choirmaster and Organist	150 00	
By insurance on buildings	22 40	
By sheet music, Choir awards and expenses of "Crucifixion"	36 31	
By Assessments on Parish (Episcopal Fund, $32.60; Sustentation Fund, $11.38; Diocesan Missions, $31.50)	75 48	
By bills for printing, $35.40; sundries, $23.59	58 99	
By bill for Communion wine	4 50	
		$1516 53

Parish House Account.

By taxes and water rents on Parish House	$42 00	
By heating and lighting of same	88 90	
By Sexton's service at Parish House	182 00	
		312 90
Total Expenditures for Current Expenses		$1829 43

Account of Specials within the Parish.

Deposit to account of Endowment Fund	$18 68	
From Contingent Fund, for repairs to Church heater, $18.00; repairs to Church roof and Parish House heater, $70.00; Improvements to gas fixtures, $16.00	104 00	
For Rectory Improvement, Contract with James King, $663.00; other bills paid, $142.14; total paid	805 14	
For chairs for Mothers' room, $10.00; shades for Rectory, $3.90; papering room in Rectory, $5.00	18 90	
For expenses of Sunday School, $41.59; contribution to Voice, $15.00	56 59	
For flowers for the Chancel	12 00	
For sundry expenses and repairs	16 74	
		1032 05

Account of Missionary Offerings, etc.

For the Poor, etc.	$62 00	
Missionary Offerings sent from the Church	43 50	
" Offerings from Woman's Auxiliary	13 00	
" Offering from Men's Auxiliary	4 00	
" Offerings from Babies' Branch	2 50	
" Offerings sent by Sunday School	239 08	
		364 08
Total Expenditures for all purposes		$3225 56

For present Balances and Deficits, see the first page.